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## Escrow extended 30 days

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REPORTER

**A**s anticipated, the Lottery Commission voted to amend yesterday a \$30-million escrow agreement to extend it by 30 days from Aug. 1 so that they will be able to continue working on sticky issues in the ongoing negotiations with Best Sunshine International Ltd. on a Saipan casino development agreement.

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## US archives searched for info on WWII missing on Saipan

By CHRIS CAROLA  
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**SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y.** (AP)—Racing against time, members of a Japanese organization are combing a New York military museum's World

War II records for information they hope will lead to the graves of American servicemen still listed as missing in action on Saipan.

The reason for the urgency: A developer plans to begin construction **See ARCHIVES on Page 4**

## Inos shows up at Kilili candidacy filing



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, right, shakes hands with Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), left, after Sablan filed his petition yesterday as a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives for the fourth time. Also in the photo is Saipan senatorial candidate Oscar M. Babauta, center, outside the Commonwealth Election Commission in Susupe.

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), the CNMI's first and so far only delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, filed his petition yesterday as a candidate for the same post he first won in 2008 and later in 2010 and 2012. Gov. Eloy S. Inos also showed up minutes later to show his support for Sablan.

Sablan filed for his fourth congressional term with his wife Andrea, family, and supporters by his side.

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"I can never say it enough that I am truly humbled by the trust that the people have given me to serve them in Congress. The only thing that I will promise them is I will work hard, and that no one in Washington, D.C. cares more about the people of the Northern Marianas than I do," Sablan told reporters during his filing at the Com-

monwealth Election Commission in Susupe.

Sablan is an independent, but caucuses with the Democrats in Congress. He also works well with Republicans.

Among the mix of supporters that accompanied Sablan yesterday were

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In this July 29, 2014 photo, Yukari Akatsuka, left, and Usan Kurata of Kuentai-USA look at World War II photographs of Saipan at the New York State Military Museum in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

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## Prosecutor: Marijuana odor sets probable cause to search vehicle

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Under federal law, the smell of marijuana establishes probable cause to search a vehicle itself, according to assistant U.S. attorney Garth R. Backe.

In the U.S. government's response to Daniel Muña Quitugua's motion to suppress evidence, Backe said that Quitugua cites a state court appellate decision for his overarching proposition that the smell of marijuana alone was insufficient to conduct a warrantless search of his vehicle and that officers, instead, needed corroboration.

Backe, however, pointed out that the law in this circuit—as well as in every other federal circuit—says otherwise.

Backe said that two responding police officers will testify they both smelled the odor of burnt marijuana emanating from inside the vehicle driven by Quitugua.

The prosecutor said the U.S. government will further establish that a small, burnt marijuana cigarette—the critical corroborating evidence Quitugua claims is lacking—was in fact found underneath the driver's side floor mat when the car was processed at the Department of Public Safety.

Backe said the marijuana was admittedly never taken into custody due to an unintentional oversight by the crime scene technician, as she was called away to process the methamphetamine or "ice" paraphernalia that were found.

Quitugua, through counsel Michael Dotts, had questioned the constitutionality of the search done by two police officers on the car he was driving on May 23, 2014, where they seized handguns and ammunitions.

Dotts asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to exclude the handguns and ammunitions as evidence as the search

was unconstitutional since the police had neither Quitugua's consent nor probable cause to conduct the search.

Here, Dotts noted, the two officers claim they smelled marijuana, but the record fails to show that any marijuana was actually collected as evidence.

Dotts said as no marijuana was collected from the car on either May 23 or June 5 and that there is no evidence to corroborate the human sense of smell.

Dotts said the search is not otherwise justified under the Fourth Amendment, which ensures "the right of the people to be secure...against unreasonable searches and seizures."

In the U.S. government's reply, Backe pointed out that no search of the vehicle ever occurred, and that Quitugua's continued detention after being issued a citation was legally permissible.

Backe said the shopping bag containing the firearms and ammunition was recovered outside the vehicle after Quitugua grabbed it and removed it from the car. The evidence therefore was not the produce of a vehicle "search," he said.

The prosecutor said the U.S. government will also show at the hearing that the police officer had ample grounds, other than just the smell of marijuana, to suspect that criminal activity was afoot.

Quitugua is a federal probationer who was indicted over the alleged illegal guns and ammunitions that he left behind when he ran away from police officers who had stopped him for a traffic violation.

The indictment charged Quitugua with one count of felon in possession of firearm.

Police arrested Quitugua for allegedly speeding and then running away from police officers, leaving behind a bag that contained three illegal guns and bullets near Northern Marianas College on May 23, 2014.

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# 17 youths graduate from int'l hospitality program



The Latte Training Academy graduates 17 students under the American Hotel and Lodging Education Institute's START program yesterday in the Napu Room of Pacific Islands Club Saipan.

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Seventeen young professionals earned their certification from the American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institute's START program yesterday after completing 180 hours of training throughout the close of last school year and this summer.

The closing program was held at the Napu Room of the Pacific Islands Club.

Arielle Buyum, president of Latte Training Academy,

commended this first batch of students for taking on training on top of their regular hours school and taking time from their summer vacation to complete the training.

"[These students] represent employability. They represent individuals who know what it takes to work and grow in the hotel and hospitality industry," Buyum said.

Of the 17 students, four graduated with honors, scoring 90 percent or more in correct answers on their tests.

One of these students, recent top 3 MHS graduate Magdiel Corpuz, said he most enjoyed the program's shadowing component in which the students were able to experience the different professions and ins and outs of a hotel.

"You get to experience it not only in the classroom but in real life. That was a great tool for me, because right now with the certification, I feel more prepared to work in the hotel industry," he said.

Incoming high school senior

Chelsea Karen Fama said that she and her fellow students would do their best in proving the effectiveness of the program by earning jobs in the hotel industry.

According to her, the training program inspired her for

her future.

"I actually decided a week ago that I want to get a degree in international tourism," Fama said.

Jim Arenovski, Island Training Solutions president, noted

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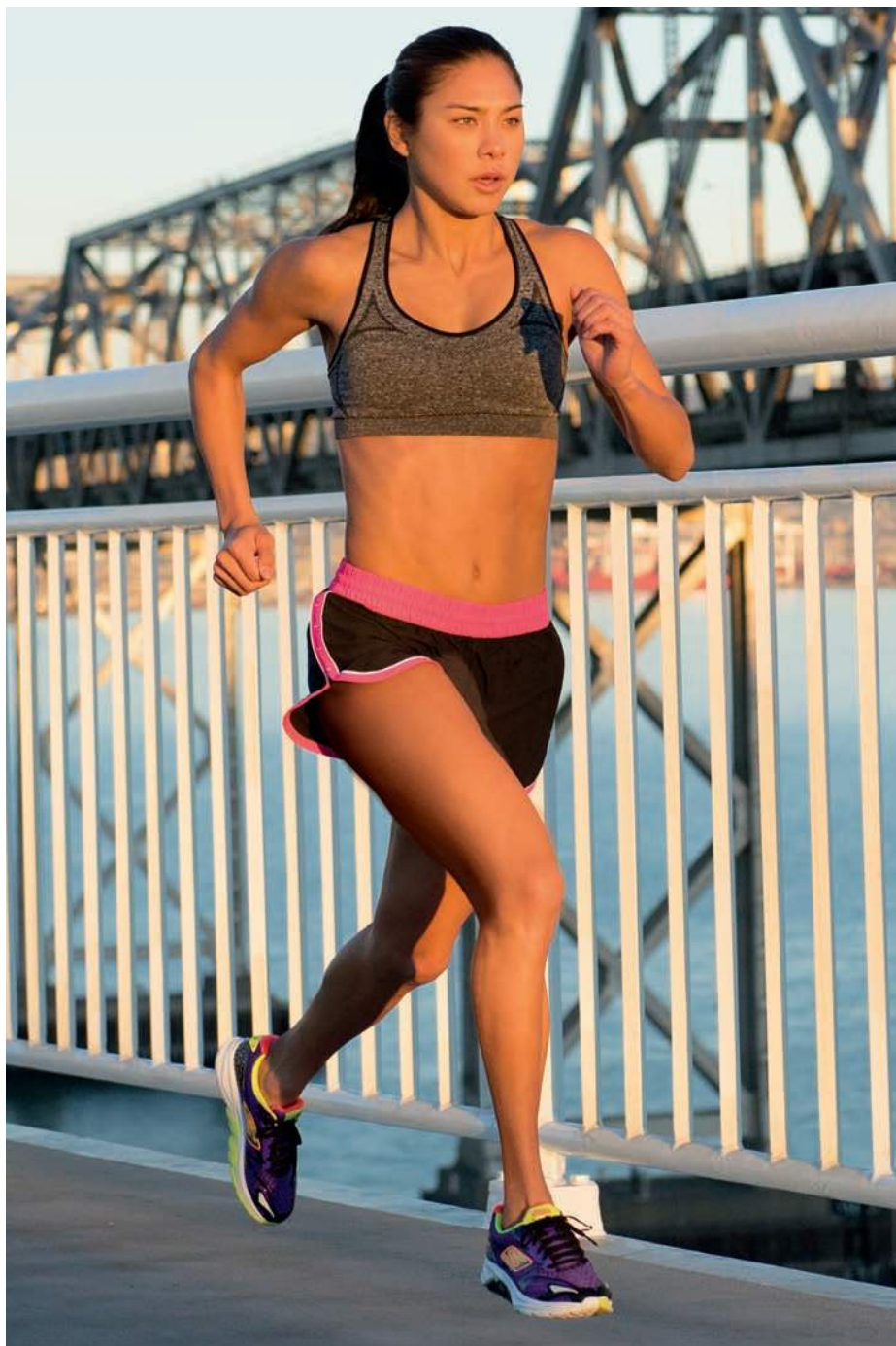
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## US govt finalizing settlement to resolve Baldwin suit

Bridge Capital principal and chief executive officer John K. Baldwin and the U.S. government are still finalizing their settlement that will resolve his \$5-million federal tax refund lawsuit.

Attorney Deborah Deitsch-Perez and Tax Division trial attorney Landon M. Yost, counsels for Baldwin and the U.S. government respectively, filed yesterday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI their seventh status report that describes their progress toward settlement.

Deitsch-Perez and Yost said THAT, as outlined in prior status

reports, the U.S. government has formally accepted Baldwin's settlement offer that would resolve all issues in this case.

The lawyers said pursuant to the terms of the settlement, however, any overpayment due to Baldwin will be first applied to any assessment against him arising from another federal tax case between him and the U.S. that is currently pending in federal court.

Thus, they said, since the settlement in intertwined with settlement of the other tax case, the settlement cannot be effectuated until the other tax

man resources.

"It is the connection that each one of these individuals makes with our tourists—whether it's with a smile, a gesture, or an action—that will help keep our guests returning to Saipan, Tinian, and Rota," he said.

To other students in the community, Fama has this message: "I would say that this program is worth it and it's an investment and when you put the time into something like this, you can actually think of a career in this field."

group is still awaiting final approval from local authorities.

The researchers' visit to the U.S. comes 70 years after more than 3,000 Japanese troops launched the assault that killed or wounded more than 900 soldiers in the Army's 105th Regiment, part of the 27th Infantry Division, a former New York National Guard unit.

Many of the Americans killed in the "banzai" attack were from New York state. The museum holds many of the 27th Division's records, including enlistment cards, rosters, regimental yearbooks, photographs and other documents.

Using battlefield photos published in *Life* magazine in August 1944 and military maps at the National Archives in Washington, Kuentai located a mass grave containing the skeletal remains of nearly 800 Japanese troops. The bones were cremated and the ashes brought back to Japan for burial.

During its excavations, the group also discovered the remains of five probable American soldiers. JPAC said two have been identified so far as MIAs from the 105th Regiment, and they were returned for burial in their home states of Kentucky and Pennsylvania.

JPAC and the Defense Department's other casualty accounting agency, the Defense POW-MIA Office, are the subject of a Pentagon inspector general's investigation of potential fraud and waste.

In March, after The Associated Press reported the failings of the military's MIA accounting effort, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel announced a shake-up that includes combining the functions of the two entities into a new agency.

case is resolved.

Deitsch-Perez said in the other tax case, Baldwin has submitted

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The locations of the hotels with a total of at least 2,000 rooms and the number of casinos on Saipan are among the issues that have yet to be ironed out.

The escrow deal extension means the \$30 million will not be released back to Best Sunshine today, and will remain with the bank up to Sept. 1 or earlier, depending on how soon the parties come to a casino agreement that will bind the CNMI for up to 40 years.

The 3-0 vote to amend the escrow agreement involving Best Sunshine's \$30-million deposit came at 5:12pm, following a two-hour executive session.

The \$30 million, once released from the bank after an exclusive casino license is awarded, will be used to fund retirees' deferred 25-percent pension and interest on defined benefit members' withdrawn contributions.

"It's not really about a delay in retirees' pension payment but this extension is to make sure that they will have the 25-percent pension," Lottery Commission chair Sixto Igisomar told *Saipan Tribune*.

Besides Igisomar, the two other commissioners who voted to amend the escrow deal were Public Safety Commissioner

ted a settlement offer that has been accepted by the Tax Division's Office of Review, which has the final authority to accept the offer.

"The settlement is still in the

James Deleon Guerrero and Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson.

A fourth commissioner, acting attorney general Gil Birn- brich was off-island. Counsel Jim Stump was also at the meeting that wrapped up at 5:22pm.

"The bottom line is, we're not able to make a decision [Thursday or Friday]. Instead of extending the escrow agreement every time we're not ready, we decided to just extend it by 30 days," Igisomar said, adding that the goal is to decide as soon as all the outstanding issues are addressed without waiting for the one-month extension to expire.

An agreement could be inked as early as late next week.

Deleon Guerrero, during the commission meeting on Capital Hill, addressed what he described as the anxiousness of community members who are either for or against casino.

He said he would rather see a carefully crafted agreement "that is in the best interest of the entire Commonwealth" rather than rush its signing, considering that it will be as 40-year agreement.

An exclusive casino license would be for 25 years, with an option to extend for another 15 years, for a total of 40 years.

"We want to make sure whatever it is we are able to come to final agreement is truly something that will give us the best economic opportunity as

process of being finalized, with details such as the calculation of the final numbers yet to be completed," the lawyers said in the joint status report.

The parties agreed to submit

well as [provide] safeguard to make sure this will be a good agreement for the government and the entire people of the Commonwealth," Deleon Guerrero said.

The Lottery Commission also adopted a motion allowing Igisomar to move ahead with the hiring of administrative assistance to prepare all the records and documents related to the commission's decisions and activities, and hiring of counsel "if need be" to assist Stump. Moreover, the Office of the Attorney General's chief of Civil Division, Reena Patel, is currently off-island.

Stump said the negotiation is a "continuing, evolving process" with refinements made almost every single day.

"I think we are very close to agreement. We are receiving daily inquiries from people who are anxious for this to come to closure and therefore we need to move expeditiously but because it is a very complex, long-term agreement, we've got to make sure that all the issues are properly addressed," Stump said at the meeting.

Terence Tay, Best Sunshine's chief operating officer, said he also needs more time to consult with their headquarters in Hong Kong about the provisions of the draft casino development agreement.

Tay, in an interview outside the commission meeting place

another joint status report on the progress of the completion of the settlement by Nov.30, 2014, in the event that they have not jointly moved to dismiss the case by then. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

during executive session, reiterated that land has always been an issue.

Considering that there are limited beachfront properties available on Saipan, Best Sunshine has to take a look at different locations where they can build integrated resorts.

It was learned that Best Sunshine could build in the northern and southern part of Saipan, as well as in central Garapan, all beachfront areas.

Tay said it takes time to come up with a development agreement "but we are a lot closer now than one week ago."

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, in a separate interview yesterday, said he would support an extension of the escrow agreement "to resolve whatever remaining issues they have during the negotiation."

"But there are other things that are tied in to the release of the escrow funds—the payments to the retirees. ...I actually would urge the commission to try to expedite the negotiations so that we can wrap this up and get an agreement going, and release the funds so that we can get the disbursement going," he said.

Once the minimum \$2 billion casino development agreement is signed, it would be the biggest in the CNMI in decades, although legalizing casino operation on Saipan remains a contentious issue.

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in a speech to the students how proud he was of them.

"They took the opportunity when most did not," he said.

He spoke of the important role these students and the program would play as the island works to not only develop its investments or environmental cleanliness but also its investment and development of its hu-

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in the fall on a condominium near the beach where scores of Americans were killed on July 7, 1944, during Japan's largest mass suicide attack of the war.

Kuentai-Japan, a nonprofit group that searches Pacific islands for Japan's war dead, found the remains of at least two American fighting men near the construction site in 2011 and 2013, and believes as many as 16 others are buried nearby. This April, Kuentai-Japan formed a sister organization, Kuentai-USA.

"This is urgent," said Kuentai founder Usan Kurata, a 58-year-old journalist who is visiting the New York State Military Museum this week with another group leader, both from Kyoto. He said the Japanese organization believes that returning Americans' remains to their families is the right thing to do.

The Pentagon agency in charge of searching foreign battlefields for America's dead says about 20 U.S. servicemen are unaccounted for on Saipan, part of the Northern Mariana Islands, a U.S. commonwealth 1,400 miles (2,250 kilometers) from Japan.

Maj. Jamie Dobson, a spokeswoman for the Hawaii-based U.S. Joint POW-MIA Accounting Command, said that developers must follow Saipan's stringent historic preservation laws and that if a probable burial site is found to be in imminent danger, the U.S. will send a recovery team.

Kuentai said it has an agreement with the Russian developer of the condo project to excavate the property for remains, but the

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U.S. citizen children of foreign workers.

Minutes after the filing, the governor arrived, saying he was there to show support for the delegate, with whom he has established a good working relationship.

"I do support Kilili's candidacy. I think he's doing great in Washington, D.C. Not everybody is in agreement with the issues but I think overall he's done [well]. What he's accomplished is really quite amazing. I have no qualms with that," the governor said, adding that "we still have some unfinished business."

Among the time-sensitive bills pending in Congress is Sablan's H.R. 4296, which will extend the CNMI's exemption from accepting asylum applicants beyond 2014.

Sablan and Inos hope that the bill will be signed into law before the end of the year because the measure also extends beyond 2014 the CNMI-only E2-C investor visa program and the CNMI-only foreign worker program that was already extended administratively.

The same bill also extends Guam and the CNMI's exemp-

tion from the national H visa cap, critical to the workforce needed for the upcoming military buildup in the region.

In a later statement from the Kilili campaign team, Sablan said six years after the people elected him to represent them in Congress, they can point to accomplishments such as ownership of the CNMI's submerged lands, more equitable food assistance for needy families, improved federal funding for schools and students, and 24/7 water for Saipan homes 95 percent of the time, among other things.

He also pointed to achieving leadership posts in Congress, including as the head of Democrats on the subcommittee responsible for the nation's fishery, wildlife, and oceans policies as well as all insular affairs.

"We may have the smallest population of any U.S. jurisdiction, but that does not mean that we have to have a small role in governing our nation," he said.

### 'Make it public'

Sablan reiterated his call for members of the CNMI Legislature to introduce a bill that would make CNMI elected officials' statement of financial interest readily available to the public, just like what over

30,000 federal officials do under the law.

He said if these over 30,000 federal officials, including himself, could release their financial records to the public, "then there must be no constitutional issues" or privacy concerns.

"All the Legislature needs to do is pass a bill that says their financial information and the financial information of [other] Commonwealth government officials should be made available for public inspection. I'm encouraging our Legislature to consider doing that, unless they're keeping something secret," Sablan added.

Office of the Public Auditor records show that nearly 21 percent or 70 of 334 CNMI government officials required to file a statement of financial interest for calendar year 2013 continue to fail to file such statement. They continue to accrue a \$10 daily penalty since the May 31 deadline.

### Other GOP bets

Meanwhile, the governor said he was also at the Election Commission to show support to seven Republican candidates who were filing their candidacies yesterday. This brings to 27 the total number of GOP candidates for the November elections, chair Edward C. Deleon

Guerrero said.

Among the Republicans that filed their candidacies yesterday were Francisco Jerome K. Aldan for Northern Islands mayor, and Francisco Aguon as the second candidate for a House seat representing Precinct 5.

The whole Republican slate for Rota also filed their candidacies: Efrén Atalig for Rota mayor; incumbent Rep. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) for senator; Steven Mesngon for senator; and Glen Maratita for House seat.

Charlene Lizama also filed her candidacy for a Tinian House seat, with Lt. Gov. Jude U Hofschneider showing his support.

Most of the GOP candidates filed their petitions on July 10, including Inos and his running mate Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan).

### AG candidate

Michael Evangelista also filed his candidacy yesterday afternoon for the attorney general position. This will be the first time that CNMI voters will elect their AG. He was also accompanied by his family and supporters.

Last week, another AG candidate also filed his candidacy, retired Superior Court presiding judge Edward Manibusan.



## House OKs gradual \$1.75 cigarette tax hike bill

By a vote of 18-0, the House of Representatives approved yesterday a bill gradually increasing the CNMI's cigarette tax from the current \$2 to \$2.75 for three years, and then to \$3.75 after that.

The conference committee

version of the health and revenue-generating bill also has to pass the Senate before going to Gov. Eloy S. Inos for action.

House floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), author of the original House Bill 18-118, thanked his col-

leagues yesterday for passing a bill that addresses not only a major health issue but also helps fund cancer treatment programs and the government health insurance.

Demapan's original bill would have increased the ciga-

rette tax by an outright \$2, doubling the current tax to \$4.

But a "compromise" version produced by a six-member House and Senate committee made it a gradual increase of \$1.75 spread in four years.

As soon as the bill becomes law, cigarette tax becomes \$2.75 a pack. After three years, it becomes \$3.75 a pack.

What this means for smokers is that a pack of cigarettes that retails for \$3.75 right now could go up to \$4.50 in a few days or weeks.

The compromise bill reserves 3 percent of excise taxes collected for cancer treatment and programs. That 3 percent comes from a decrease in excise tax percentage col-

lected for the solid waste management program, from 10 percent to now 7 percent.

Moreover, 50 percent of all excise taxes collected from this will be deposited into an account to fund the payment of the CNMI government's share of the Group Health and Life Insurance benefits and for enforcement. **(Haidee V. Eugenio)**

## Hillbroom bid to dismiss claims filed by his ex-counsel under advisement

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona heard yesterday Junior Larry Hillbroom's motion to dismiss the counterclaims filed against him by his former lawyer, Barry J. Israel.

Manglona then placed the matter under advisement and said that a written decision would be forthcoming.

Hillbroom's lawyer, Graham Lippsmith, who spoke on the phone, argued his client's motion to dismiss Israel's counterclaims.

Vietnam-based Israel and Guam lawyer David J. Lujan used to serve as counsels for Hillbroom in the late business

tycoon Larry Lee Hillblom's probate matter in Superior Court. Hillbroom is the DNA-proven son of Hillblom.

Israel's lawyer, Theodore Frank, who also appeared via telephone, opposed Hillbroom's motion.

Attorney Bruce Berline appeared in court for Hillbroom's local counsel, Mark Hanson.

In Israel's counterclaims, the lawyer alleged that Hillbroom colluded with the latter's former trustee to extort \$3 million from him and Lujan.

Israel filed in federal court a cross-claim against Hillbroom and Keith Waibel, the former trustee of Hillbroom.

Among the causes of actions that Israel brought against Waibel are libel and slander for

allegedly calling him a criminal. His other causes of actions against Waibel and Hillbroom are indemnification and breach of contract.

Israel asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to hold Hillbroom and Waibel liable to pay him damages, attorney's fees, court costs and expenses.

In Hillbroom's motion to dismiss the counterclaims, Lippsmith argued that all of Israel's counterclaims against Hillbroom are time-barred be-

cause Israel was aware of Hillbroom's alleged acts since 2006, yet he failed to file any claims for more than eight years, long after any applicable statute of limitation expired.

Lippsmith asserted that Israel's counterclaims against Hillbroom are circular and illogical. "It makes no sense that Junior [Hillbroom] should have to be liable to Israel for any liabilities that Junior establishes against Israel," he said.

The lawyer said that even if

Israel's counterclaim against Hillbroom are being asserted against him as the current Hillbroom Trust trustee, Hillbroom did not become trustee until 2013, long after the alleged misconduct at issue in Israel's counterclaims that was perpetrated by Waibel in his tenure as the Hillbroom Trust trustee.

Israel filed the cross-claims and answer to Hillbroom's lawsuit after the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit reversed the federal court deci-

sion that dismissed the lawsuit filed by Hillbroom against him for lack of personal jurisdiction.

The Ninth Circuit judges ruled that Hillbroom established that Israel deliberately "engaged in significant activities" within the CNMI. The judges remanded the case to federal court.

Hillbroom is suing Israel and Lujan for allegedly conspiring to inflate the attorney's contingency fee when Hillblom's fortune was still undergoing probate proceedings.

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# Lawyer says Wickline's claim on UMDA stock is 'astounding'

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REPORTER

The United Micronesia Development Association Inc. describes as "astounding" the claim of its former president and chief executive officer David L. Wickline that, if granted, would make him by far the biggest shareholder of the company.

The dispute between UMDA and Wickline arose when the company sought to remove him as CEO, according to UMDA counsel Robert T. Torres.

Wickline is reportedly now based in Occidental, California.

In UMDA's motion to dismiss Wickline's claims for con-

version and claims under the California Labor Code, Torres said Wickline suddenly claimed that he was entitled to, among other things, options to purchase 150,000 shares of UMDA stock.

Torres said it is an extraordinary amount reflecting ownership of approximately 25 percent of UMDA, which, if granted would make Wickline the biggest shareholder of the company.

Attorney Colin Thompson, counsel for Wickline, previously stated that his client is entitled to \$5,437,500 worth of stock options for shares of stocks in UMDA, which the latter granted to him in October 2010.

Yet Wickline is unable to cite

any corporate resolution or formal vote of the directors to support his claim that he had actually been granted such options, Torres said.

"In UMDA's 40-year history, no officer or director had ever received anywhere near this number of options, even after many long and successful years of service—and yet, according to Wickline, he was granted the options after only a matter of months as an employee," he said.

Torres said that when UMDA investigated Wickline's claims, it discovered that they were not only meritless but the product of a fraudulent scheme involving numerous breaches of fiduciary

duty and self-dealing transactions going back several years.

He said UMDA also discovered that Wickline had secretly abused his position with UMDA to undermine shareholder confidence in UMDA's board, including meeting with certain shareholders in an attempt to convince them to bring a shareholders' lawsuit against UMDA's existing directors and/or to change UMDA's board of directors to facilitate Wickline's control over UMDA.

Torres said that UMDA filed its lawsuit against Wickline to protect its shareholders from dilution of their interests in the company, to recover substantial damages that UMDA discovered during the course of its investigation, and to stop Wickline from working behind the scenes to undermine share-

holder confidence. That lawsuit is currently pending at the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

He said that on Jan. 13, 2014, some 24 hours after UMDA filed its original lawsuit, Wickline filed his original complaint against UMDA in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

Torres said all of the claims in Wickline's original complaint seek to recover stock options, use of an airline travel pass, and wages that Wickline claims he is owed by UMDA.

The court later dismissed Wickline's action for lack of personal jurisdiction and transferred it to the District Court for the NMI.

Torres said UMDA now seeks dismissal of two of Wickline's claims for relief in his complaint: conversion-United Air-

lines Pass and violation of California Labor Code.

UMDA hired Wickline in October 2009 and named him president and CEO on Nov. 17, 2009. He reportedly resigned at UMDA's request on July 27, 2012.

On Aug. 10, 2013, Wickline was designated as business development officer of UMDA, an unsalaried position that he occupied until the company terminated him on Jan. 13, 2014, according to Torres.

Wickline also served as a member of UMDA's board of directors from late 2007 until Aug. 10, 2013.

UMDA board chair Jose Lifoi-foi stated in a previous statement that the board was dissatisfied with Wickline's performance as CEO so he was fired and the shareholders decided not to reelect him to the board.

## Fishing vessel aground near Cocos Island

**COCOS ISLAND, Guam**—Coast Guard Sector Guam is working with the government of Guam and other federal agencies to conduct a response for a fishing vessel aground on the west side of Cocos Island.

On the morning of July 30, 2014, Coast Guard Sector Guam received a report that the 49-foot, Japanese flagged, fishing vessel *Take Maru 55* went aground on the west side of Cocos Island with six crewmembers aboard. The six individuals disembarked the ves-

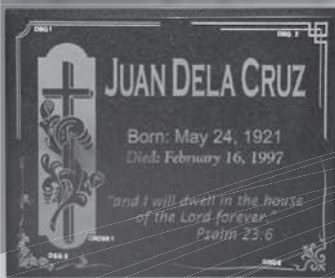
sel and swam to Cocos Island to seek shelter from the effects of Tropical Storm Halong. The six crewmembers were sheltered at one of the buildings on the Cocos Island Resort. Rescue crews from Sector Guam and Guam Fire and Rescue were not able to launch due to the passing of Tropical Storm Halong.

Yesterday morning, GFR was able to retrieve the six crewmembers from Cocos Island and bring them to Guam's mainland. There have been no reports of

personnel injuries. Sector Guam investigators are currently working to determine the cause of the grounding. Sector Guam is working to coordinate both an aerial and water side assessment of the grounded vessel. Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 25 may conduct the aerial portion, while a Coast Guard small boat will assess from the waterside.

Current weather conditions are hampering assets from being deployed to the scene to conduct the assessment. (USCG)

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# NMC to host free information session on Aug. 6

Individuals interested in furthering their education and advancing their professional careers are encouraged to attend a free information session hosted by the Northern Marianas College on Aug. 6, 2014.

The information session, which is open to all prospective students and community mem-

bers, will be from 5:30pm to 6:30pm in Room D-1 at the college's As Terlaje campus. The topics include the college's new Bachelor's Degree in Business Management, Prior Learning Assessment program, and other new initiatives.

College faculty, staff, and students from the different de-

gree and certificate programs at NMC, as well as Student Services representatives from counseling, financial aid, and admissions will also be on hand to provide helpful information and answer questions.

The deadline for submitting admission applications was orig-

inally on July 31, 2014, but the college is making an exception for those who attend the information session. Those who plan to submit an admission application for the fall 2014 semester must submit it at the info session.

Those who attend the information session will qualify to

have their application fee and their placement test fees waived for NMC's upcoming Fall 2014 semester. This represents a savings of about \$75.

The Northern Marianas College offers several degree and certificate programs, including a bachelor of science degree in ed-

ucation (emphasis on elementary education, early childhood education, special education, or rehabilitation and human services), bachelor of science degree in business management (new); associate degrees business administration (emphasis on accounting, business management, or computer applications), liberal arts, nursing, natural resources management, criminal justice, and hospitality management. Moreover, it offers short-term certificate programs in different vocational, academic, and professional areas.

For more information about the information session and/or applying to NMC, contact the Office of Admissions & Records at (670) 237-6770, email [oad@marianas.edu](mailto:oad@marianas.edu) or visit [www.marianas.edu](http://www.marianas.edu). (NMC)

## NBG to play national anthem and evening colors on the Giant Voice

**SANTA RITA, Guam**—After completing several successful tests, U.S. Naval Base Guam will begin playing the national anthem and evening colors on the broadcast system, commonly known as the Giant Voice, starting Aug. 1.

It is a time-honored tradition to play the national anthem while raising the U.S. flag on a military installation. This time is referred to as "Colors." Currently, the anthem is played at the NBG headquarters each morning.

The launch was originally scheduled to begin on July 4 but was postponed due to technical difficulties.

The national anthem and evening colors will be played

at 8am and sunset daily, respectively, through the Giant Voice in the following areas: Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Guam, South Finegayan housing, Flag Circle, I Puntan at Nimitz Hill, North and South Tipalao, Camp Covington, Apra View, Naval Magazine site (upper and lower), Lockwood Housing, U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, U.S. Coast Guard and Polaris Point.

Military personnel are required to stop, face the direction of the flag or sound and render a salute if in uniform. Those not in uniform should stand at attention. All vehicles on base must also come to a complete stop and wait for the music to end. (PR)

## High surf and small craft advisories out

The CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management issued an advisory yesterday to warn the public that fresh to strong south winds and combined seas of 10 to 13 feet will produce hazardous conditions for operator of small craft up until Friday morning.

A high surf advisory remains in effect until 6am Sunday along

west and south facing reefs. Surf of 10 to 13 feet along west facing reefs is expected to fall to 8 to 10 feet by Friday night. Surf will likely remain hazardous through the weekend.

A small craft advisory is now in effect until 10am today, Friday.

South winds of 15 to 25 knots along with combined seas of 10

to 13 feet will produce conditions hazardous to operators of small craft. Highest winds and seas will be found in the western Marianas waters. Winds will diminish but seas will remain hazardous into Friday morning.

Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid boating in these conditions. (PR)

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# NBG Dive Locker provides recompression treatment

**SANTA RITA, Guam**—On June 14, when 68-year-old retired U.S. Navy sailor Chuck Bressie was diagnosed with severe type II decompression sickness, U.S. Naval Base Guam's Dive Locker activated their emergency chamber team to treat him.

"I was just sitting on the bench and all of a sudden my toes started going numb," he said, recalling the day he was diagnosed with decompression sickness after a dive. "Then probably within two or three seconds it was up to my ankle, then I was numb up to my knees, then I got numb up to my waist, and then I felt like I couldn't move anything. They brought me [to the Dive Locker], the crew here loaded me up, put me in [the dive chamber] and from there, I don't remember. I was in so much pain. How many hours I was there, I don't know."

After three weeks of treatment from the NBG chamber team, Bressie was able to walk out on his own on July 3.

Decompression sickness, also known as the bends, is a sometimes fatal disorder characterized by sharp bilateral hip pain, paralysis and difficulty breathing caused by the release of gas bubbles from the tissue upon a rapid decrease in hydrostatic air pres-



Sailors from the U.S. Naval Base Guam Dive Locker are happy to see retired sailor Chuck Bressie at the installation in Santa Rita on July 23. Bressie, a recent patient who suffered severe decompression sickness, received treatment in the NBG dive chamber for approximately three weeks before his recovery.

while flooding the body with 100 percent oxygen, allowing it to heal."

Bressie suffered from spinal cord decompression sickness, partial paralysis, and severe hip pain. After three weeks of intensive care at U.S. Naval Hospital Guam and 17 six-hour oxygen treatments at the NBG Dive Locker, he was able to independently leave the treatment chamber.

"The first three or four rides in the chamber, I don't remember," said Bressie, a Guam resident. "I was in so much pain. But as the rides got a long, they got better. I could remember the people; I could remember them taking real good care of me. I couldn't ask for anything better."

The experience for Bressie was an emotional one that restored his ability to walk after being paralyzed.

"These people here and the doctors are very professional; know what they're doing and how to do it and how to get the results from it," he said. "As it went along, my days in the hospital got better; I got better at this and I told the master diver, 'I'm going to walk in there and I'm going to walk out.' And I finally did that. I can't praise these guys enough that they gave up so much of their time for me."

NBG Command Master Diver, Master Chief Diver (MDV) Rodney Atherton said the dive chamber on NBG is the only one in the region that serves to treat both military and civilian personnel.

"Our main mission here is to serve the civilian population and military population and all of the active duty that are actually getting qualified here [in] Guam," Atherton said. "We have a huge pool of people and probably one of the largest in all of the military that sees so many dives and then, on top of that, so many diving injuries. Without this chamber, there would be so many people hurt and no ability to get treated. We're part of this island; these are our brothers and sisters underwater and even though we're military and they're civilian, we're all part of one team."

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



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Happy birthday, Rosa "Auntie Chailang/Acha Baby" Palacios! God bless you. Love, your Iyang Angandodos.



A big birthday shout-out to Kiyoni Kendra Litulumar (Santos), who is celebrating her 24th birthday today! I wish all the best on your special day. You're another year older and may the Lord bless you today and so forth. I love you so much, I miss your tuna fried rice! I hope you enjoy your day and let *niao* spoil you as always. So much love, hugs, and kisses coming your way from Guam. Greetings come from your god-sister, Martinie Calvo

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Happy, happy birthday to Aaliyah Jane Marciano Pua! May God bless you princess with many more birthdays to come. We love you to the moon and back! Love, Nino Eric and Auntie Don.

sure after an extended period of time in a compressed atmosphere.

For divers, this means if you surface too quickly from a dive, you run the risk of contracting this dangerous disorder.

"When people go down and they dive for a long time and they come back up, it's a little like taking a soda can and vigorously shaking it and then popping the top, except instead of soda coming out, we've got nitrogen—all these nitrogen bubbles coming into our body," said NBG Navy Diver 2nd Class (DSW/SW) Mark Dvorak. "Those nitrogen bubbles can accumulate around your spine or brain, and they can cause multiple maladies—personality changes, paralysis, unconsciousness, and death. What we do here is recompress the bubbles, allow time for re-absorption

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## Is global chaos the new normal?

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It's a chaotic world out there. But we'd better get used to it; this may be the new normal.

The Middle East is in flames, not only Gaza but Syria, Iraq and Libya as well. Russia is massing troops on the border of Ukraine. Central Africa is a mess, as are Afghanistan and Pakistan. Parts of Mexico and Central America are ruled by criminal gangs and drug cartels. And those are merely the crises big enough to command front-page attention.

"This is historically unprecedented," former national security advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski told Foreign Policy magazine recently. "Huge swaths of global territory are dominated by populist unrest, anger and effective loss of state control."

Brzezinski's point wasn't merely that disorder is loose in the world; that's happened in earlier periods of war and revolution (think of Europe in the aftermath of World War I, for example). His point was that chaos is breaking out simultaneously in many regions, and that governments are less capable of meeting those challenges than before.

Moreover, in an age of instant communication, conflicts can spread more readily. In the Middle East, the democratic uprisings of the Arab Spring led to anarchy in Libya, a counterrevolution in Egypt and a civil war in Syria. The war in Syria immediately became part of the larger, regionwide conflict between Sunni and Shiite Muslims, and spread across the border into Iraq.

And with that, two epic struggles were joined: the political battle over who will govern the fractious nations of the Arab world, and a religious war between two major branches of Islam.

These aren't the kind of conflicts that end quickly or neatly. Richard Haass, president of the Council on Foreign Relations, says the closest analogy he can come up with is the Thirty Years' War between Catholics and Protestants, a conflict that devastated Europe from 1618 to 1648. That's a daunting thought.

And it's not only the Middle East. Ever since the end of the Cold War 25 years ago, foreign policy pundits have been warning that the world is becoming more unstable because power is fragmenting.

Big governments and conventional armies could once command obedience around the world; in the 19th century, five British warships compelled the sultan of Zanzibar to surrender after only 38 minutes of artillery fire. The great powers don't enjoy that kind of military superiority anymore. The United States spent more than a decade in Iraq and Afghanistan but couldn't fully pacify either country.

The reason isn't that the great powers are no longer powerful; the difference is that their opponents—balky local governments, insurrectionists and jihadists alike—are more potent than they used to be. They're better equipped, better funded and more skilled at guerrilla warfare.

At the same time, outside powers like the United States have lost their appetite for fighting long counterinsurgency wars. It's become harder and more costly to keep a lid on the developing world's disorders, so we're more reluctant to try.

The result is what one scholar, Randall Schweller of Ohio State, has called "an age of entropy"—a leaderless world with no super-

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## Self-immolate

They were monks during the Vietnam War who protested the continuing presence of American forces and the tragic conduct of an unpopular war of attrition. Their method was self-immolation in busy thoroughfares for maximum publicity. With their bodies, they called attention to a situation that demanded a radical response.

Charles Moore in some quarters was dubbed a madman. A 79-year-old retired United Methodist minister colleague who I knew briefly in the late '70s (his teenage son was once given to our family's care in Saskatoon while parents conducted training in India), he doused himself in gasoline and lit his being up in flames in Grand Saline, Texas. Those unfamiliar with the profundity of the Buddhist act of self-immolation were quick to condemn Charles as a kook.

Emile Durkheim categorized suicides into four types: egoistic, altruistic, anomic (moral confusion), and fatalistic. Self-immolation involves and covers all counts, in his estimation. It is an act of despair and defiance, a symbol at once of resignation and heroic self-sacrifice. Self-sacrifice is big in Christendom with the image of the crucified Christ, so folks like quiet-but-dour Charles, consumed with a burning cause, took on the ultimate self-sacrifice.

Today marks the end of my 69<sup>th</sup> year in the Gregorian calendar and the first day of my 70<sup>th</sup> year in the lunar one of the Far East. No, I am not anywhere close to self-immolating. I am mesmerized by the metaphor of having one's being in flames.

The poetry of light and the metaphor of heat are as old as humanity itself. Light particularly is often compared to clarity, as the waters of the Aegean Sea was once seen as crystal clear, and one of Europe's eras from where we derived some of our mental behavior are those of the Renaissance and the Enlightenment. The picture of transcendence looking down from Olympus informs this view of "seeing the light."

Heat is a bit more immanent. It is all-consuming, the image of the self and the fire as one, completely embraced. This is more than the unity of the *Om*, or the harmony and balance of the *yin-yang* in the *pugua*. It is the flaming avatar stealing fire for humanity. This theme recurs in many world mythologies, e.g., Matarisvan in the *Rig Veda*, and Prometheus in Greece enabling progress of civilization while Azazel in the Jewish *Book of Enoch* taught humanity to use tools and fire. Maui of the Polynesians stole fire from the Mudhens, the *alae* birds. The spider for the Cherokee, the coyote for the Pacific Northwest, the crow from the volcano in the Yukon, the weasel to the Creek, the rabbit to the Algonquin, and the hare to the Ojibwa, all stole and provided humanity with fire.

As I traverse the last 17-16 years of my one-moment-in-time, I adopt the lifestyle of an embodied scorching avatar rather than the

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sedate and resigned retiree in a quad by the metro stop of *Hang Kong Hang Tian Da Xue* in Shenyang. My sword shall be words in *englisChe*, sharp and vivid as they come.

It has been a long way from the agrarian fields of Cuyapo, Nueva Ecija, where I was born, to the windswept Manchurian plains of my current residence. The many causes that added verse and prose to the interior mythos of my self-story stacks in the database of my memory down to the level of the unconscious. Now, I prune the top of my iceberg as my willful engagement in scrapping wayward postings on walls, washing telephone numbers on steps, picking the trash off the walkways and sidewalks, and keeping the green of summer in community nodes and gardens.

It is the mental self that I immolate. I am not into saving myself for social glory, nor finding ways to work my name into anyone's marquee. As the term "immolate" implies, it is my life's goal and daily task to set the "self" aflame, let it burn into ashen nothing with the heat bringing warmth where needed, and light where it is shunned. Intrusive but not coercive, collaborative rather than combative, I side with other selves engaged in their own self-immolations.

For now, the warmth spreads amongst young learners prodded to pay attention to their innate sense faculties, to describe what they see around them, the objects that they touch, the aroma and odor they smell, the sounds and music they hear, and the various cuisine of their heritage that they gulp. They are too young to fall into the morass of abstractions that learning in China imposes. They are, at first blush, what they sense.

Slowly, they are urged to narrate their responses to experiences at home, on the road, at the playground and in school, and start expressing their feelings, of fear and delight, pointing out things they hate and like. Then they segue into the world of abstractions that the Chinese language is good at.

Too young to make their own behavioral choices, they are nevertheless made aware of the little things that make them whine at their parents' feet for things they wish to do. Or, decide to pick up their lives and walk! All these expressed in *englisChe*, with CH characteristics! That's how I am setting myself on fire.



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## My Sunk Cost Fallacy Fallacy

**W**hen you drop by my beach chair every Friday for our weekly chats, you're used to helping yourself to a well-stocked cooler. Alas, you'll notice that it's empty this time. Sorry. I forgot to stock it. That's because I got my snoot stuck in the Chinese lessons again and I neglected all my chores this week.

How much progress have I made in Chinese? None. So why don't I quit and devote my spare time to more productive endeavors? Well, I have a theory about that. I call it the Sunk Cost Fallacy Fallacy. That's right: two fallacies. So while I stiffed you in the beverage department today, at least you're getting a linguistic twofor.

The "Sunk Cost Fallacy" is known to every economist and financial manager. It's a fancy term for saying there's no use crying over spilled milk.

Put in more analytical terms, it's the fact that a rational decision is a function of expected costs and expected benefits. "Expected" is a function of today through the future. It's not a function of the past. The past is gone, and, since it's gone, you can't make decisions about it, since decisions can only affect the future, not the past.

If you pay me \$50 for a twenty-dollar bill, how much is the bill worth? It's worth \$20. The cost you sunk into it has nothing to do with its value after you bought it. That's an overly simplistic example, but you can add layers of realism to it as you see fit.

It's textbook stuff. But forget textbooks. I'm merely digging my toes in the sand wondering about stuff.

Which brings me back to the very first time I used a computer to write a term paper in college.

I didn't particularly mind writing the paper. But I messed up

the computer commands and I accidentally deleted the doggone file. So I had to re-write it. And, wow, did I ever mind the re-write. Despite the fact that re-writing it should have been easier than having to create it out of whole cloth, the re-writing was far more grueling.

After all, creating something, and re-hashing something, are two entirely different processes. Hence, they are two different experiences. Creativity can be enjoyable. But re-hashing? No thanks.

If you want to get all scholarly about it, you can consider the myth of Sisyphus, who faced the torture of having to roll the same boulder up the same hill time and time again. The boulder would get near, but never reach, the top, whereupon it would roll back down and it was time to repeat the process. There must be some profound element of psychology there, since the myth has been famous for thousands of years.

When I started taking Chinese classes, most of the other gray hairs I met were repeating their studies from past times. Their tales were remarkably consistent: When they first studied it, they wound up getting discouraged. So they quit. Quit, that is, only to discover, a matter of years later, that Chinese was growing in importance. So they took it up again.

As they plodded through the curriculum, or re-plodded, I should say, the thrill of discovery was replaced with the jaded realization that they had already been there, which gave them a sort of leaden dread about the whole process.

Well, I can't figure Chinese out, but I can figure out how well I'd react in those circumstances. And the answer is: Not well.

In theory, it's not rational to keep studying something just because

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we sank a lot of effort into studying it. That effort is a sunk cost.

But in reality, the human kind, the kind we have to live in, if the specter of repeating something feels more burdensome than facing it the first time around, then the dynamic seems different.

After all, when it comes to dollar costs, every dollar is the same as every other dollar. But when it comes to our costs of endurance for a given task, every effort is not the same as every other effort. Dollars are homogenous. Human experiences are not. So, while I can always zero-base a dollar time line, I can't always zero-base a human one.

Still, I'm not really questioning the Sunk Cost Fallacy. I am, however, excusing my stubbornness by saying that the fallacy is fallacious in this situation. Am I really right? Oh, probably not. Do I care? Definitely not.

So I'm going to keep plodding along with studying Chinese. Yes, even if my cooler goes empty, my brain goes confused, and I still have absolutely no progress to show for it.

## Dawning realization

**T**he most troubling issue is the dawning realization that we can't get there from here—wherever that may be—and we know it by heart, too! Troubling, isn't it? Political punditry aside, what's your honest assessment of the state of the CNMI?

It's difficult ignoring first-hand experience of hard familial suffering at home, so widespread throughout the archipelago. It's bad all around as the multitude yearn for answers, any answer!

The fiscal crisis and chaos hasn't been of any help to families juggling pennies, nickels, and dimes to make ends meet. This isn't "perceptual" reality but "real" reality, fully embedded in family pocketbooks counted and recounted daily and usually aborted in frustration.

You listen to politicians who, again, spout tired promises or redundancy. You quiz if they have any conception at all of the term

### GLOBAL

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powers to enforce order.

Republicans have two words to explain how we got to this leaderless state of affairs: Barack Obama.

But the big changes around the world aren't entirely (or even mainly) his fault. Nor are they, as Democrats insist, mainly the fault of his predecessor, George W. Bush, who took the United States to war in Iraq.

That's not to say that either of their foreign policies was flawless. Bush had a naive faith in America's ability to extend the reach of democracy. Obama began his presidency with a naive hope that an outstretched hand to Iran, Russia and other adversaries would be met with cooperation. And, when the Arab Spring arrived, he underestimated the problems that upheaval would bring, trying to promote democracy on the cheap by cheering uprisings in Libya, Syria and elsewhere, but doing little to help them succeed.

Obama has now retreated to a more minimalist version of his foreign policy. Despite what his most partisan critics assert, he hasn't abandoned international affairs; instead, he has focused on his biggest priorities: counter-terrorism, Iran, China and Russia. But his core foreign policy doctrine is now one of restraint.

That's been infuriating to internationalists who view the United States as the indispensable nation, duty-bound to sort out the world's problems. As Brzezinski put it: "We are ... increasingly devoid of strategic will and a sense of direction."

That's overstated. But if Obama is looking for a big goal for his final years in office, here's one he should embrace (and can hardly avoid): articulating an overarching global strategy for the United States in an increasingly chaotic world, and convincing Americans that it makes sense.

How? That's a question for another column.

"percipience" and "vision." But they've conveniently placed buffers (incompetence) between themselves and villagers.

Troubling the messy and chaotic economy that has generated less than \$135 million. Take away a third of the total for retirees and the balance is spread to other sectors. But the cumulative deficit started several years before federal immigration control took effect. Nobody had any inkling of its unintended consequences.

Retirees would see their 25 percent soon, if not already. But then what happens this October? It's back to square one once more or 75 percent. Is there money even for this purpose?

It's confusing for the unwary, frustrating for those who understand the primary setback that has landed the NMI in the marshland of bankruptcy. Understandably, the surge of frustration skyrockets as families revisit juggling what's left in their pocketbooks. Some 80 cents per dollar is usually gone by the time they begin counting pennies.

There's the reasoned belief that this is the result of the lack of a comprehensive plan or blueprint that addresses key issues of the islands. "When there's no plan then it's obvious there are no set goals to plan for compromising the need for objectives or the means to attain such goals," said a fully honed local professional. "Everything is on helter-skelter basis."

"These include the amalgam of healthcare issues, education, and the local economy," he said, adding, "It takes real time leadership, organization, fully researched materials from real experts, deliberative discussions, definition, and subsequent decision by leadership." "As it is, there's nothing but a huge and powerful vacuum that sinks our ship right at the peak of a huge fiscal storm."

"Do we yell at the iceberg atop a rescue boat?" he asked, sighing. Perhaps it's the only thing to do, though we may have to learn how to yell louder. The fiscal chaos is further exacerbated by our insatiable love for instant gratification over the painful, though more lasting, solutions. A long vacation or relocation is just about the only next best thing for the multitude.

I'm sure incumbents find this reality the hardest wild nut to chew. One can't justify it and even a sincere effort would elicit quiet though powerful rebuke for doing nothing to alleviate the living misery among the multitude. It needs a miracle! This would have to be the dawning reality of life in this hellish hole. Did someone say paradise?

### Issues of substance

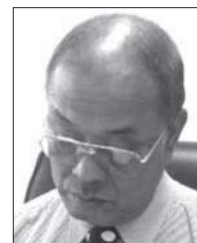
NMC needs to analyze and explain the 90 percent of students who failed its entrance exam recently. First, it must look within to determine if its test had been upgraded and updated for relevancy or has it remained nearly three decades old?

In its analysis, it would be good to find out if students are in the top or lower 50 percent. How many are locals and what high school

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did they come from? You see the goal isn't to vilify PSS while glorifying NMC but to buckle down to providing academic assistance or quality instructions for those who are potentially college material.

NMC has also suffered heavily from nursing students who hardly pass the NCLEX exam. It needs to retract to figure out the beast. Otherwise, the purported syllabus turns a total waste on everybody!

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It seems so far away in another world but it's right at our front door! Revenue generation has receded into a measly \$134 million. Our needs are upwards of \$250 million.

If you were outside looking in, you'd never understand the self-inflicted fiscal monstrosity. Conversely, if you're inside looking out you can never explain it either. As a bystander, you quiz how far would this lunacy persist in the midst of a rumbling fiscal volcano nearby.

### Calamari time!

Something was poking at my toe. It was a teeny mouse with the inscription "squidproquo" on his forehead. He waved at me apologetically, "Sorry, I was supposed to 'tiptoe' so I wouldn't be a bother."

Appalling his failed explanation of "tiptoe" as to ignore that he did nothing but confirm his actual use of it hiding behind the alias "squidproquo." He's fearful of putting a name to his diatribe, a tale of his shady character. How about showing me some real coconuts? Why resort to adolescence, casting aspersions?

Obviously, he ignores the fact that CUC has been placed under consent decree by the federal district court. Moreover, he ignores the significant implications of the court order. I'm sure he'd happily acknowledge that consent decree was imposed signaling CUC's incompetency. That it is in fiscal crisis in perpetuity rolls out the carpet for a federal takeover of the utility agency. Sorry!






Ah, don't employ the insinuation of the race card. It doesn't matter to me what your pigmentation is or whether you're a haole, braole, or chaole. Stick fact-checked arguments. It boggles the mind why now the federal takeover of CUC? I suppose Uncle Sam isn't ready for more wasteful spending of hard earned U.S. and local taxpayers money, right? Eh, why not morph into a hermit crab shell. It's a better hiding place! I'll help you make the transfer so you don't injure your behind.



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. South winds 10 to 15 mph.	 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. South winds 10 to 15 mph.	 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. South winds 10 to 15 mph.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	 Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲84° ▼77°	▲86° ▼78°	▲87° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°

### Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲83 ▼77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲81 ▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲81 ▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼79
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	▲82 ▼79

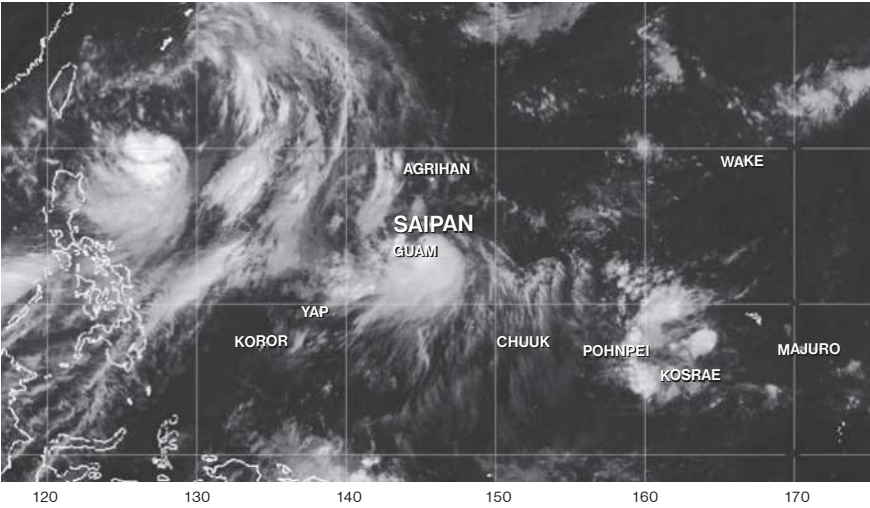
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲63 ▼57
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲95 ▼75
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲90 ▼82
Honolulu	Showers	▲85 ▼76
London	Partly Cloudy	▲77 ▼61
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲92 ▼69
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼77
Melbourne	Rain	▲49 ▼40
Miami	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼80
New York	Thundershowers	▲80 ▼69
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲90 ▼77
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲82 ▼64
Pusan	Rain	▲82 ▼76
Rome	Sunny	▲88 ▼68
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲92 ▼61
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲69 ▼59
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲93 ▼76
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲90 ▼78
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲89 ▼70

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
6:15 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet
11:31 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
5:58 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2014

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Halong (11W) is centered west of Saipan at 15N142E moving west-northwest at 12 mph with maximum sustained winds of 50 mph. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen along the southern periphery of Halong within 100 miles of a line from 13N136E to 13N141E to 15N144E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found elsewhere between 11N and 16N from 135E to 147E. These areas include Guam and Rota but are just north of Yap. For more information on Tropical Storm Halong, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A large circulation east of Taiwan is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over the Philippine Sea west of a line from 25N136E to 18N136E to 15N131E. A tropical disturbance near Pohnpei is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between Chuuk and Pohnpei within 130 miles of a line from 6N154E to 8N155E to 9N160E and northeast of Kosrae between 5N and 8N from 163E to 168E. A surface trough extends northward from 20N157E to beyond 25N at 158E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen north of a line from 23N155E to 22N162E. An old frontal boundary stretches northeastward from 20N164E to beyond 25N at 172E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present north of Wake Island within 100 miles of this boundary.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:59 AM	6:47 PM
Saturday	6:00 AM	6:47 PM
Sunday	6:00 AM	6:46 PM
Monday	6:00 AM	6:46 PM
Tuesday	6:00 AM	6:46 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:54 AM	10:06 PM
Saturday	10:43 AM	10:47 PM
Sunday	11:33 AM	11:29 PM
Monday	12:25 PM	
Tuesday	1:20 PM	12:16 AM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am 3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am 3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm 6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm 6, 7
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm 1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm 2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm 2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm 1, 5
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm 1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm 1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm 2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
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SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN		
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SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:05am	8:35am 1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm Daily
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SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN		
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OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Remembering our sweet Sadie girl

» April 14, 2013 – July 29, 2014

In the early morning hours of Tuesday, July 29, our dog was savagely attacked by a pack of wild boonie dogs and died.

We are so incredibly sad to have lost Sadie. For her to have died so violently is impossible to comprehend. No dog deserves that, and her tragic death needs to be a loud wake-up call. Current efforts to address the feral boonie dog population are hugely inadequate and a disgrace to our island home and to the freedoms that these dogs' ancestors represent. They deserve better, and we can do better.

I knew I wanted a boonie dog the minute I read about their history during World War II. They are credited with saving thousands of American military lives, were dearly loved by their trainer/soldiers who were devastated to have to leave them behind when the war ended. Some were actually family pets that were donated to the war effort. If you ever get a chance, watch the documentary *War Dogs of the Pacific*.

Seventy years later, they have inbred to the point that "boonie dog" has become its own breed. The overpopulation of boonies is heartbreaking to see. The vets on island, the Animal Control office, dog lovers, and PAWS do what they can, but it is clearly not enough. The dogs are sick and dying on the sides of the roads, starving, having litter after litter, out in the heat all day, infested with skin diseases, and most are not ever going to be adopted. All indications are that

a "no-kill" shelter here will do little to cure this problem. There are many, many hearts "in the right place" but it is time to do more. What if, next time, it is a child that dies instead of another domestic dog?

We decided to do our part and adopt a boonie puppy. Sadie came to us in June 2013 and was truly the strangest dog we have ever seen in our lives, both in looks and personality. She would not let you come near her and was skittish beyond words. She stayed like that her whole life, with moments of "normal" where she would let you pet her. She was terrified of everything. We really think that she was probably autistic or mildly retarded, but we loved her and her constant "blank boonie dog look." Her facial expression never changed and she had the biggest, pinkest ears you have ever seen. We used to ask her for a full weather report each morning! Certainly those ears could pick up signals from miles away. Winning a beauty contest was clearly not in her future, but winning our hearts was a sure thing! For me, this was thrilling, as I was not a dog lover by any stretch.

We dressed her up for Halloween last year and walked her to a carnival near our house. All the kids loved her, and that night she acted like she was having fun. She seemed to revel and prance with all the attention. We called her our "Diva Dog" after that and chose to act like all her strangeness was just because

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Sadie, left, shares a moment with her BFF, Spencer.

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she was such a diva. Every time we had to "deliver" her cookies because she would not come to us, every time we had to let her in her door to come inside because she could not come in the front door for some reason, every time she would be under the table with just her head sticking out so she did not miss anything—it always made us laugh at how strange she was. Whenever you walked too near to where she was lying, she would race off like her life was in danger and acted like she had never seen you before.

We could never board her at the vet when we traveled. That would have done her in, so she had a whole wonderful family (mom, dad, and four kids) that took care of her when we were gone. We kept telling Sadie that

if you looked up "lucky dog" in the dictionary, her picture would be there!

Then in January 2014, we brought home boonie No. 2, Spencer, and Sadie's whole life changed. She loved having a BFF. Spencer did not know that Sadie was "different" and he treated her like she was his hero. They played and romped together both inside and outside. No one has gotten to sleep through the night since. Who knew that what Sadie really needed was a friend! It was beyond cute, and Sadie came out of her shell a tiny bit each day.

Sadie never got to go on our Saturday jungle walks with Joy, Rico, and sometimes Girlie because she did not "fit in" and her fear created a physical attack or two.

She was too scared to go "bye-bye in the car" but never

minded Spencer going. Whenever we did get her in the car to go to the vet or take Nelson to work, she just shook the whole time. We called it the "Shakin Sadie Show." It was pathetic, but hysterical also. We finally gave up on getting her to like going places.

We taught her two tricks, which she hated performing, so we quit asking. Spencer learned multiple tricks, which he had to do each time to get his cookies, but Sadie got a free pass. No tricks required.

When people would come over, she never moved from her favorite spot at the foot of the couch. She would be like a scared stone, but would not leave her spot. People just had to sit around her. Everyone just accepted "Scared Sadie," especially the little children that visited. Since she was terrified and

glued to the spot during these times, people could actually pet her without her bolting off.

When she was scared (all the time), she would tuck her tail tight under her body. Walking her on the beach path with her head held high and tail tucked tightly brought on many laughing jags. When walking, she would look back constantly to make sure the boogie man was not following her.

Spencer learned to ring a bell tied to our door when he wanted to go outside. When Sadie would hear the bell ring, she would jump up, look at me like "Woman, get up, we have to go out" and panic when I took too long! Like it was the end of the world. Sadie never ever asked to go outside. She just waited until you let her out, and then when we got Spencer, she got on his "bell ringing" schedule.

We must have told her 20 times a day. "Sadie, you are a strange dog, but we love you!"

About a month before she died, I started teaching Sadie and Spencer the "dog-daddy dance." Nelson would call to say he was on his way home and I would get Sadie and Spencer crazy excited. In my loudest voice, I would sing to them "Dog Daddy, Dog Daddy, Dog Daddy's Coming Home" over and over again until the car showed up. They were video moments. Spencer was practically prostrate, barking his head off and howling with excitement. Sadie would stand at perfect attention waiting for that door to open so they could run to the car to greet Nelson. Sadie would bolt out, then hang back and watch Spencer get petted. About two weeks before she died, Sadie actually went "all the way" and let Nelson pet her. These were incredibly fun, simple moments.

While running around the house and wrestling with Spencer, several times Sadie momentarily forgot she was scared and jumped up on the couch. Once up there, she came to a screeching halt, as if to say "Holy cow, how did this happen?"

Whenever you talked to Sadie, she would cock her head from side to side as if she did not understand a word you were saying, but was listening intently. One of the cutest things she did.

A few months ago, Spencer started wandering out of the yard. He would go next door as that house had no fence and he could get to the beach. He would come back soaking wet and full of sand. Every morning around 3am. Sadie never went with him. Heaven forbid she should leave the yard! She never even saw any room in this house except the living room and kitchen. Ever! Much too scary to explore anything.

All of a sudden in the last few weeks, she started wandering off with Spencer around 3am every morning, but she never came back wet. Sadie hated the water, whereas Spencer loved it. We got Sadie on the stand-up paddle board one time, and the "fear stance" was just too traumatic for us to try again. We did get her to swim a few times, but she was clearly miserable, and our belly laughs at her expense felt abusive!

Wild boonie dogs come and go in our yard all the time, and Sadie would bark and run them off. Such a tough girl! That had been the norm until July 29. Early that morning, Sadie and Spencer went for their morning romp next door to get to the beach. But this time, a group of stray boonie dogs came from the beach and killed Sadie. Spencer made it back home, and we did not know what happened until later that day. Spencer Marchadesch from Animal Control was able to help us find out what had happened, and

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Speaking of 'do-nothing congressmen'

Do these names mean anything to you? Ralph Demapan, John Sablan, Raymond Palacios, Oscar Babauta, Jesus Lizama, Andrew Salas, and Diego Benavente? If you live in Susupe they do. These are just seven of the 12 or so representatives you have elected in the past 36 years. Now, look at the picture at right and somebody please tell me why not one of these gentlemen could fix that lake in 36 years. It was there in 1979 when I moved here and I took that picture yesterday.

Voters, fixing things like this, beautifying your neighborhoods, helping residents, putting in sidewalks and streetlights, cleaning vacant lots, maintain-

ing neighborhood sports facilities and generally being around, to listen to your problems and concerns—that is why you elect these people. And you, elected to “serve” the people, if you can’t get others to fix something for you, do it yourself. Voters will remember you. Voters, do not vote for anyone whose only platform is “please vote for me” ever again. Candidates, please, get on line so we can see who you are.

#### Do you know who NMDs really are?

Most people assume NMDs are Chamorros and Carolinians with at least 25 percent bloodline to the old people. What is

really an NMD is anyone that was living here in 1950. There were Chamorros, Carolinians, Filipinos, Palauans, Pohnpeians, Yapese, *haoles*, Japanese, and other nationalities. So my inquiring mind has to wonder why the CNMI government very rarely includes any of these “other” NMDs in their circles or in the government?

About 50 Chamorro NMDs assumed control of the government in 1978 and have done everything possible to keep control for the past 36 years. Just nine families have controlled the political landscape here since the beginning. If any other NMD has ever been elected, they must

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## Congratulations to you, governor!

I felt happy of reading the news about the restoration of the 25 percent. I congratulate you, governor, for this success! It is a real help to people. This is going to push up our economy and our families' prosperity.

The casino matter is much more of problem for our people and the community. You, governor, approved the casino bill knowing that some supporters may turn their backs on you. You do not mind losing some because for you,

people's interests come as the first priority.

I know a lawmaker guy who is very honest and a Catholic. He had been one of those who were categorically against casino. Now he has transformed, turned supportive for casino development and voted for the casino bill! What he had been saying in the past is in huge contrast to how he actually voted. People like him really care for people and want to generate extra money for the recovery of

our dying economy. They are flexible and wise!

To our voters, Gov. Inos is one of those flexible and wise leaders and is the best candidate for the governor's post. I think he is honest, not corrupted and worth to be trusted for the highest administrative position in the CNMI. Let us vote for him! *Biba* our CNMI! God bless our CNMI!

**Teddy Guiao**  
Navy Hill, Saipan



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Dated this 1st day of August, 2014.

Commonwealth Development Authority  
/s/ Manuel A. Sablan  
Executive Director



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To Ambrosio Bennett

My name is Pedro DLG. Pangelinan, known as Pangie. I am tired of reading your naïve, prejudiced, and one-track opinions in the newspaper. Do not get me wrong, I know you have a right to say what you want, but write something truthful and constructive.

First, I would like to ask the newspaper editor to print exactly what I want the people to know about this prejudiced man’s attitude about us locals. Now it is my turn to contradict you.

Ambrosio Bennett, weren’t you one of those teachers who used to teach at Hopwood Jr. High School who participated in having students suspended because you caught them smoking marijuana or caught them with marijuana in their possession? Right!

Now that you are retired, you want to legalize marijuana. A couple of weeks ago at CUC, when you were going to pay your bills, and again at the Legislature a week after, I confronted you with the same question on how or what solution you have to improve our economy. You answered, legalize marijuana in the CNMI because there are over 15 states in the U.S. that are earning millions and millions of dollars for their treasury. We can sell marijuana to tourists, was your answer. You almost made me jump out of my pants. What a turnaround. You used to have students suspended because of marijuana and now that is your answer?

As you need to mention in your articles, use your common sense. Ambrosio, I think your common sense has run away from you. Why?

You overlooked a couple of important factors: 1.) In any

U.S. cities, there are over half a million to a million-plus living in them. The entire CNMI population is only 50,000 to 60,000. You need eight times or more to equal the population of any city in the U.S. 2.) Many of the tourists coming to visit our beautiful islands are family oriented. I do not think they will smoke marijuana in front of their kids, regardless of what nationality they are. You on the other hand make me wonder. 3.) Prisons in the U.S. are overflowing with criminals. No matter what position a person chooses to call marijuana, it is still a drug and it causes a different reaction in any person. Marijuana is a mild drug compared to more potent drugs. Pretty soon people who smoke marijuana will look for stronger drugs. So that is where the trouble begins, when Mary Jane smokers switch. 4.) Ambrosio, since I started to know you, I am beginning to realize that you are also a vengeful and vindictive person. How, why, and what makes me say this about you?

I believe that whenever you ask something from someone and you do not get what you want, you start blasting, criticizing, and saying things about that person in your articles. I first realized about this nature or sick head of yours way back when we first met at Hopwood as my daughter’s teacher. You asked me to mention something to someone as a favor so I can ask Pete A. Tenorio to help you. I did. But you wrote an article against him. And as time goes by, you continue to criticize our elected people. Who do you think you are? What have you done to be given credit for, except to open your mouth with your naïve, vindictive and prejudiced articles? You are a sick man, nephew. Go to the hospital and have yourself checked in. Crazy man, crazy.

You complain in one article that you have been harassed. Who do you think you are, my nephew? You really think that we only think about our 25 percent? That we are easily mislead and could not think for ourselves? Back off, conceited son. As I mentioned earlier, we the retirees are family-oriented. We the retirees will pitch in to help our family. To purchase school clothes, school supplies, food for the table, help for medical referral and hospital bills, etc., etc.

Lastly, nephew, when we get our 25 percent, many of us will shop for our needs. Our expense will go into our government coffers, which will become a revolving fund, interest payment to DB members. The process will continue to revolve again to government needs. What’s happening, Ambrosio my nephew? Has your common sense abandoned you?

Another thing, casino will not happen right away. The hotel infrastructure will be built first, but the license of \$15 million for casino will continue to be paid. That is another \$30 million for the next two years.

You better try to catch your common sense and go back to school to learn your arithmetic, my son.

Oh, about calling you my black nephew is just the gospel truth. That is what you are. You have no other color. And you are a man and not a woman. You dig, my nephew. You being my nephew, you marry a local woman who happens to be on both sides of my family tree. Her father is the son of the best auntie in our family. Her mom is a niece of mine of the Deleon Guerrero blood. You do not have to respect me, but just care of your family. *Ciao.*

**Pedro DLG. Pangelinan**  
*Finasisu, Saipan*

SADIE

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we are grateful for his help and kindness.

We just could not believe that our Sadie was gone. Nelson never wavered in his belief that Sadie would “come around” with time. Each tiny milestone of Sadie acting like a “real dog” was celebrated like we were crazy people. Our times at home with the dogs have been the highlight of our island life.

Rest in peace, Miss Sadie. You enriched our lives, and we will never forget you! Your WWII ancestors saved many American lives and may your story be the catalyst for a lasting and humane solution for the lives of Saipan’s boonie dog population. You all have earned that respect. May heaven be an endless supply of cookies. No tricks required!

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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES**

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Design Services for the repair of Taxiway “B” at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA’s Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Questions regarding this request for RFQ statements must be submitted to Ms. Wendi L. Prater, CPA Executive Assistant, at (670) 237-6500, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, August 1, 2014, 4:30 p.m., local time.

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Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, AUGUST 22, 2014**. Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.


The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

Send information to:

Ms. MaryAnn Q. Lizama  
Executive Director  
Commonwealth Ports Authority  
P.O. Box 501055  
Saipan, MP 96950-1055

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOFOI  
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: July 14, 2014



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**PROCUREMENT, DELIVERY, & INSTALLATION OF A DUPLEX BOOSTER PUMP SYSTEM**

**INVITATION FOR BID**

**CPA-IFB -002-14**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting bids for the procurement, delivery, & installation of a duplex booster pump system for its ARFF Station.

The bid package is available beginning July 25, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

All bids shall be sealed and marked on the cover package: “Procurement, Delivery, & Installation of a duplex booster pump system-CPA-IFB-002-14.” One (1) original and two (2) copies of the bid must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. LOCAL TIME, August 22, 2014, at the Office of the Executive Director, Saipan International Airport.

Bidders are requested to visit the existing Booster Pump Site at the ARFF Station to familiarize themselves of the required work to be performed by calling Bill Camacho at telephone number 237-6557.

Bids submitted after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances. CPA reserves the right to reject any and all bids if in its opinion to do so is in CPA’s best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MaryAnn Q. Lizama  
Executive Director

Pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, a public meeting will be held as part of the federal performance evaluation of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The meeting will be held at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at the Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Beach Road, Susupe, Saipan.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive public comments regarding the operation and implementation of the Commonwealth of the Northern mariana Islands Coastal Management Program.

Written comments are encouraged, and participation at the public meeting is not required for submission. Written comments should be sent to Susie Holst, NOAA/NOS/OCRM, University of New Hampshire, Gregg Hall room 148, 35 Colovos Road, Durham, NH 03824, or via email to Susie.Holst@noaa.gov no later than Friday August 15, 2014.



# Tournament of Champions set for this weekend



The Tournament of Champions, the premier golf tournament of the year, is set for tomorrow, Saturday, Aug. 2, and Sunday, Aug. 3. Tournament organizers, including tournament director Ben Babauta, are inviting all golfers to participate in what promises to be one of the most exciting events of the year.

"This is the 19th year that we are having the Tournament of Champions, and every year it gets better," said Babauta. "I want to thank all the sponsors

and the volunteers who have generously given their resources and their time to make this year's event a great one."

The 19th Annual Tournament of Champions will be played at the LaoLao Bay Golf and Resort's East & West Courses. The two-day event is bigger and better than ever with exciting hole-in-one prizes and the chance to win thousands of dollars in possible prizes. The TOC tournament fee is \$185.

First place winners in the

Men's Championship, A, B, C, Senior and Super Senior Flights will each receive \$500 cash, \$400 for second, \$300 for third, a digital camera to fourth, and \$100 DFS gift certificate for fifth place. The Ladies Low Gross champion will receive \$500, \$400 for second, and \$300 for third place. The first, second, and third place winners of the Ladies Low Net will receive a trophy.

There will be hundreds of thousands worth of prizes that

will be at stake in the two-day tournament, including hole-in-one prizes that include brand new vehicles donated by Triple J Motors, Atkins Kroll Toyota (Saipan), and Joeten Motors. Saipan Laolao Golf & Resort is offering one year of free golf as another hole-in-one prize. Delta Air Lines and Asiana Airlines are also offering airline tickets as hole-in-one prizes. Closest to pin prizes will be awarded as well.

Platinum sponsors of the tour-

nament include Delta Airlines, DFS Galleria Saipan, DFS Galleria Guam, LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort, and Marianas Visitors Authority.

Gold sponsors include Asiana Airlines, Atkins Kroll (Toyota), Chivas Titan Imports, Docomo, IT&E, Joeten Motors, Nike Golf, Pacifica Insurance Underwriters Inc., Saipan Computer Services, Tan Holdings, and Triple J Motors.

Silver sponsors include

Christian Dior, KZMI / KCNM, *Marianas Variety*, Marpac, Miller Lite / Pepsi, Pacific Islands Club, Power 99 / The Kat, and the Wine Shoppe.

Bronze sponsors include Chong's Corp., Hard Rock Café, Herman's Modern Bakery, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Kautz Glass, Marianas Noni, Nic Health, Organic Natural, Stella's Catering, Taylor Made / Adidas and Triple B Forwarders. Other sponsors of the event will also be recognized.

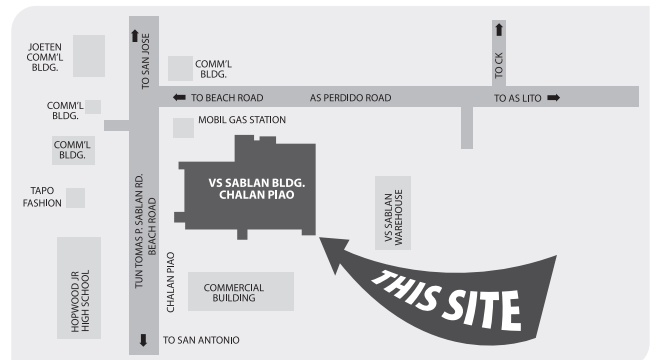
Special thanks also to the Northern Marianas College, which assisted with the marketing efforts of the tournament.

For player information and to download the registration form, visit [www.tocSaipan.com](http://www.tocSaipan.com). (TOC)

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Tournament of Champions Organizing Committee (front, from left) Elna Tighe and Marida Pensader. (Back, from left) Raynard Travilla, Jack Salas, Nicole Babauta, Marie Sablan, Jeff Taylor, Ed Diaz, and Ben Babauta.

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Contact Tony Muna (Cell No. 888-9290 Email Address: [plebechamp80@gmail.com](mailto:plebechamp80@gmail.com)) or Ben Sablan (Cell No. 898-7500 Email Address: [ben.sablan1994@gmail.com](mailto:ben.sablan1994@gmail.com)) or Call 234-2585/235-9020.

## LOST DOG FOUND at Flametree Terrace

- Brown with white paws and chest
- Male, not neutered
- 42 pounds
- Blue collar - no tags

**Call Marcia**

Work: **322-9991**

Home: **323-4692**





# Delta customers get more free entertainment options

Delta introduces “Delta Studio” and free entertainment from every seat on more than 1,000 aircraft worldwide beginning Aug. 1.

Entertainment is offered through seat-back systems and in-flight streaming directly to customers’ own smartphones, tablets and laptops.

The move is the most far-reaching effort by an airline to provide hit movies, popular television shows, music and video games for free. With the introduction of Delta Studio and the airline’s investments to update the interiors of its aircraft, Delta is setting the standard for customers when it comes to free entertainment across more than 1,000 aircraft.

All Delta customers, in every class of service on flights lon-

ger than one and a half hours, will have access to a selection of free entertainment options, either at their seat or through their laptops, mobile and tablet devices. Free entertainment options are available on flights with seat-back entertainment systems or on demand video streaming onboard Delta’s Wi-Fi-equipped aircraft.

“Through the introduction of Delta Studio our customers have yet another reason to choose Delta and a different travel experience,” said Tim Mapes, senior vice president – Marketing. “Delta continues to be driven by customer feedback which has consistently placed the desire to be entertained at the top of the list of ways to improve our customers’ time in the air.”

Delta customers seated in BusinessElite, First Class and Economy Comfort will have free, unrestricted access to in-flight entertainment on all international flights worldwide. Customers traveling in economy on all international flights will also have access to free content. Delta completed installation of seat-back entertainment systems on its international fleet in 2013.

Customers traveling on domestic flights in BusinessElite, First Class and Economy Comfort will have free access to all in-flight entertainment. Domestic economy customers will have access to free content which includes all of Delta’s live satellite TV channels, music selections and game options through seat-back entertainment systems as well as movie or TV selections such as ‘The Hunger Games: Catching Fire’ or ‘Frozen’ on seat-back systems in August as well as streaming content through in-flight Wi-Fi.

Additional premium content will be available for purchase in economy including the lat-

est movie titles such as ‘Need for Speed’ or ‘Rio 2,’ HBO and SHOWTIME programming as

well as on-demand TV shows like ‘About a Boy’ or ‘The Middle.’ Delta’s full entertainment line-up for the month of August is available in *Sky* magazine. (*Delta*)



**JOETEN 65th ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE WINNER**  
Joeten Susupe market manager Jose “JJ” Tenorio, right, presents Chad Reetz with a Keurig K-Cup Coffee Maker as part of the Joeten 65th Anniversary raffle. Many more prizes will be raffled off, including a brand new 2014 Kia Soul, on Saturday, Aug. 2, at 5pm at Joeten Susupe.

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# Laolao Bay Golf & Resort offers new activities

LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort is excited to announce several new activities that its Resort will be offering to the public.

Beginning this Saturday, Aug. 2, LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort will be offering swimming lessons every Saturday from 10am to 11am. The swimming lessons will be given by Hiroyuki Kimura of Tsunami Saipan for children over the age of 5.

LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort will also be offering youth golf lessons every Tuesday and Thursday beginning Tuesday, Aug. 5, from 5pm to 6:30pm. The golf lesson instructor will be LaoLao Bay’s very own Tony Satur and will accommodate youths with ages 7 to 17.

LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort has also begun offering English Camp for Korean, Chi-

nese, and local children aged 7-12. The first session is ending today while the next session will be from Monday, Aug. 4, to Friday, Aug. 8, from 8:30am to 4pm. LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort looks forward to offering the English Camp again in October and throughout the winter months. Future camp sessions will be announced as the schedule be-

comes available.

For rates and other details about these new and exciting activities, call LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort at 236-8888.

LaoLao Bay Golf & Resort is committed to offering activities that will keep our youth active, and we look forward to bringing more programs into our Resort that will be beneficial to the public. (*PR*)

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS**  
  
**BANK OF GUAM,**  
  
**Plaintiff,**  
  
**vs.**  
  
**TOMAS M. CALVO and  
CECILIA T. CALVO,**  
  
**Defendants.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 17th day of October, 2013, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **11th day of August, 2014 at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 008 R 11 situated in Songsong, Rota, (formerly known as Lot 4, Block 23), containing an area of 743 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 008 R 00, the original recorded 12 Nov 71 Doc. No. 1295 at Land Registry, Saipan.

**Terms and Conditions of Sale.**

**1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a) to withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.

b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

c) to reject any and all bids.

**2. Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: rttlaw@pticom.com.


**3. Deposit and Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to Bank of Guam.


**4. Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

**5. Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

**NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION**  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled on Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC's Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

**I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

a. Call to Order

b. Roll Call

c. Adoption of Agenda

d. Adoption of Minutes

i. May 8, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

a. CDBG Matters

1. On-going Projects

b. Program and Housing Division Matters (including PBV Proposals)

c. Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) - Applications

d. Mortgage & Credit Division Matters

1. Loan Revision Requests

2. Loans for Approval

3. Board Resolution Regarding Loan/Grant Application disposition

**IV. FIELD OFFICE REPORTS**

a. Rota Field Office

b. Tinian Field Office

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

a. Update on Housing Expo

b. Fiscal Division Assessment

c. Personnel

**VI. FISCAL AFFAIRS**

a. Financial Statements as of June 30, 2014

b. FY2013 Audit

**VII. LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT**

**VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**IX. OTHER MATTERS**

a. Legal Counsel Contract

b. Corporate Director Contract

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

**MARCIE M. TOMOKANE**  
Chairwoman of the Board

**Kanoa Resort**  
Saipan

Reservations Agent (3)

Qualifications:  
Preferably high school graduate. Must have minimum two years of experience, in Sales and Marketing or Tourism, and or equivalent years of relevant experience in hotel industry. Know how to operate office equipments like fax/copier machine, telephone, computer (knowledge in Fidelio system is an advantage). Able to handle, arrange the agents or guests needs and complaints efficiently. Must have excellent communications, good quality customer service, and multitasking skills are a must. Must be able to work variable schedule including nights, weekends and holidays.

Interested applicants may send their applications to hr@kanoaresort.com. Application forms may be obtained at our Security Office located at the back wing of our resort. To be considered, applicants must be submitted not later than August 05, 2014. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

**Kanoa Resort is an Equal Opportunity Employer**  
**Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.**

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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE  
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**BANK OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF  
MICRONESIA,**  
  
**Plaintiff,**  
  
**-v-**  
  
**JOHN HENRY I. TAGABUEL and  
MICHELLE T. IGNOEF, aka MICHELLE  
MARIA I. TAGABUEL,**  
  
**Defendants.**

**FIRST AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on July 30, 2013, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot no. 010 K 77, situated in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 901 square meters, more or less, as more particularly shown on Drawing/Cadastral Plat no. 010 K 01, the original of which was recorded August 19, 1987, as File no. 87-2911, at the Office of Commonwealth Recorder.

**Date, Time, and Place of Sale.** The sale will be held on Friday, August 15, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

**Terms and Conditions of Sale.** The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF July, 2014:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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**Defendant.**

**Civil Action  
No. 14-0034**

**NOTICE OF  
HEARING  
PLAINTIFF'S  
MOTION FOR  
DEFAULT  
JUDGMENT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on August 21, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., a hearing will be held before Associate Judge David A. Wiseman on Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment in the above-captioned matter, at the Superior Court for the CNMI, Guma Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of July, 2014.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT



# Business

## A more vigorous US economy appears to be emerging

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—The U.S. economy has rebounded with vigor from a grim start to 2014 and should show renewed strength into next year.

That was the general view of analysts Wednesday after the government estimated that the economy grew at a fast 4 percent annual rate in the April-June quarter. Consumers, businesses and governments joined to fuel the second-quarter expansion. The government also said growth was more robust last year than it had previously estimated.

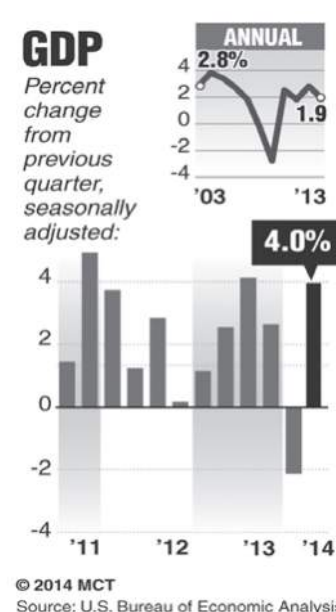
Whether the healthier expansion will lead the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates sooner than expected is unclear. In a statement it issued Wednesday after a policy meeting, the Fed offered no clearer hint of when it will start raising its benchmark short-term rate.

The economy sprang back to life after a dismal winter in which it shrank at a sharp 2.1 percent annual rate. The government upgraded that figure from a previous estimate of a 2.9 percent drop. But it was still the biggest contraction since early 2009 in the depths of the Great Recession.

Last quarter's bounce-back



AP  
In this July 17, 2014 photo, construction workers build a commercial complex in Springfield, Ill.



will be inclined to start raising rates early next year.

Most economists have been predicting that the Fed would wait until mid-2015 to start raising rates.

“This GDP report supports our view that an improving economy will persuade the Fed to begin raising rates in March next year,” Ashworth wrote in a research note.

Ashworth is among a group of economists who think growing strength in the job market and the economy will prod the

At the same time, a higher trade deficit slowed growth as imports outpaced an increase in exports.

Paul Ashworth, chief U.S. economist at Capital Economics, said that given last quarter's rebound, he's boosting his estimate for growth this year to 2 percent, up from a previous 1.7 percent forecast. Ashworth said the economy's growth also supported his view that the Fed

Fed to move faster to raise rates to make sure inflation doesn't get out of hand.

Stock prices turned generally negative in the wake of the GDP report because some investors saw a greater likelihood that the Fed would raise rates sooner than expected.

“We're at the point where we're not sure if good news is good news or bad news,” said Jim Paulsen, chief investment strategist at Wells Capital Management.

The GDP report showed that one measure of inflation rose 2 percent last quarter, up from a 1.3 percent rise in the first quarter. The Fed's inflation target is 2 percent, and for two years the GDP measure of inflation has been running below that level. Low inflation has given the Fed leeway to focus on boosting growth to fight high unemployment.

In its statement Wednesday, the Fed noted that inflation had risen closer to its 2 percent target. The statement said concerns that inflation would run persistently below the Fed's 2 percent target had “diminished somewhat.” But it expressed no concerns about the slight acceleration in prices.



### COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

#### INVITATION TO BID ITB14-GOV-132

##### Rehabilitation of the Agriculture Division Office Restroom Facility Kagman Village, Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider are soliciting sealed bids for the Rehabilitation of the Agriculture Division Office Restroom Facility Kagman Village, Saipan

The project package will be available Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at the Governor's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$50.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a **mandatory pre-bid** conference/site visit for this project on Wednesday, August 13, 2014, 9:00AM ChST at the project site, Agriculture Office located in Kagman Village. Bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the project location and current condition. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 PM ChST, Friday, August 15, 2014 to the CIP Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408. All responses to questions should be shared with other prospective contractors.

Sealed bids must be marked **“ITB14-GOV-132, Rehabilitation of the Agriculture Division Office Restroom Facility Kagman Village, Saipan”**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 9:00 AM ChST Tuesday, August 26, 2014. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9:00 AM ChST Tuesday, August 26, 2014 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than Tuesday, August 26, 2014 and must be received no later than Thursday, September 4, 2014 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 AM ChST Friday, September 5, 2014. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 AM ChST Tuesday, August 26, 2014.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: “Credit Account No. 44660”. If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- Cash
- US Government Securities
- Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is sixty (60) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day, or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by sixty (60) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.



### COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

#### INVITATION TO BID ITB14-GOV-133

##### Renovation of the DPS Division Patrol Office Susupe Village, Saipan

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lieutenant Governor Jude U. Hofschneider are soliciting sealed bids for the Renovation of the DPS Division Patrol Office Susupe Village, Saipan

The project package will be available Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at the Governor's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$50.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a **mandatory pre-bid** conference/site visit for this project on Thursday, August 14, 2014, 9:00AM ChST at the project site, Renovation of the DPS Division Patrol Office located in Susupe Village, Saipan. Bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the project location and current condition. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 PM ChST, Monday, August 18, 2014 to the CIP Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408. All responses to questions should be shared with other prospective contractors.

Sealed bids must be marked **“ITB14-GOV-133, Renovation of the DPS Division Patrol Office Susupe Village, Saipan”**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 9:30 AM ChST Tuesday, August 26, 2014. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 9:30 AM ChST Tuesday, August 26, 2014 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to [procurement@pticom.com](mailto:procurement@pticom.com). For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than Tuesday, August 26, 2014 and must be received no later than Thursday, September 4, 2014 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 AM ChST Friday, September 5, 2014. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 11:00 AM ChST Tuesday, August 26, 2014.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: “Credit Account No. 44660”. If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
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Acceptable assets are only:

- Cash
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- Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is one hundred twenty (120) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day, or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by hundred twenty (120) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

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# Nation

## Suing Obama: GOP-led House gives the go-ahead

WASHINGTON (AP)—A sharply divided House approved a Republican plan Wednesday to launch a campaign-season lawsuit against President Barack Obama, accusing him of exceeding the bounds of his constitutional authority. Obama and other Democrats derided the effort as a stunt aimed at tossing political red meat to conservative voters.

Just a day before lawmakers were to begin a five-week summer recess, debate over the proposed lawsuit underscored the harshly partisan tone that has dominated the current Congress almost from its start in January 2013.

The vote to sue Obama was 225 to 201. Five conservative Republicans voted with Democrats in opposing the lawsuit. No Democrats voted for it.

Republicans said the legal action, focusing on Obama's implementation of his prized health care overhaul, was designed to prevent a further presidential power grab and his deciding unilaterally how to enforce laws.

"Are you willing to let any president choose what laws to execute and what laws to change?" asked House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio.

The Republicans also scoffed at Democratic claims that the lawsuit would be a waste of taxpayers' money.

"What price do you place on the continuation of our system of checks and balances? What price do you put on the Constitution of the United States?" said Rep. Candice Miller of Michigan. "My answer to each is 'priceless.'"

However, Democrats said the lawsuit would go nowhere and was designed



House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio strides to the House chamber on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, July 30, 2014, as lawmakers prepare to move on legislation authorizing an election-year lawsuit against President Barack Obama that accuses him of exceeding his powers in enforcing his health care law.

only to encourage conservatives to vote in this November's congressional elections. They also warned repeatedly that it could be a precursor of a more drastic GOP effort. Said Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-N.Y.: "The lawsuit is a drumbeat pushing members of the Republican Party to impeachment."

Congressional lawsuits against presidents are rare. In 2008, a federal judge backed a suit by Democrats who then controlled the House and were

trying to force the Bush administration to honor House subpoenas of senior White House officials. Though the House won the first round in court, that decision was under appeal when a settlement was reached and the lawsuit was dropped.

On Wednesday, neither side wasted time in using the fight to mine campaign contributions and line up support for their candidates.

House Democrats emailed one fun-

draising solicitation as debate was underway and another moments after the vote, with one saying, "The GOP is chomping at the bit to impeach the president." And White House Senior Adviser Dan Pfeiffer emailed supporters, saying, "This is the least productive Congress in decades. And instead of doing their job, they are suing the president for doing his."

The Republican Party also went to work. An email called the House vote a

"huge step" in curbing Obama and added, "Contribute right now to end Obama's executive overreach by expanding our Republican majority in the House and gaining a majority in the Senate."

Though the vote was almost entirely along party lines, five conservative GOP lawmakers opposed the lawsuit: Reps. Paul Broun of Georgia, Scott Garrett of New Jersey, Walter Jones of North Carolina, Thomas Massie of Kentucky and Steve Stockman of Texas.

Some prominent conservatives including former Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin have called for Obama's impeachment, and some House GOP lawmakers have not ruled it out. Boehner has said he has no such plans and has called Democratic impeachment talk a "scam" to raise money.

On the road in Kansas City, Missouri, Obama cast the lawsuit as a "political stunt" and a distraction from the public's priorities.

"Every vote they're taking like that means a vote they're not taking to actually help you," he told his audience. He urged Republicans to "stop just hating all the time."

By suing Obama to demand that he carry out specific provisions of the 2010 health care overhaul, House Republicans would be asking the courts to hold him to the letter of a law that they all opposed and that the House has voted over 50 times to dismantle.

Republicans have accused Obama of exceeding his powers in a range of areas, saying he has enforced provisions he likes and ignored others.

## Immigration courts speed up children's cases

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Immigration courts are speeding up hearings for the tens of thousands of Central American children caught on the U.S. border after criticism that the backlogged system is letting immigrants stay in the country for years while waiting for their cases to be heard.

There are 375,000 cases before the immigration courts and many immigrants wait months or years for a hearing. Instead of bumping children to the back of that long line, the courts are now giving each child an initial court hearing within three weeks, according to the Justice Department's Executive Office for Immigration Review. A spokeswoman for the courts didn't an-

swer questions about how many children's hearings had been set under the new plan, or which courts had scheduled additional hearings.

Immigration lawyers have long sought a speedier process to prevent immigrants from having to wait years for an answer on their asylum or green card applications. Now, the concern is the opposite: that the courts are moving so quickly that the children might not have enough time to make a case that they should be allowed to remain in the country legally.

The biggest worry is that children might not receive proper notice of hearings, and could wind up getting a deportation order if they fail to show

up, immigration lawyers said. Advocates also say there aren't enough pro-bono immigration lawyers to go around and that it takes longer to prepare children's cases because it takes time to earn their trust.

"When the hearing date is three months out, it's no big deal—it's plenty of time to get yourself a lawyer. When it's three weeks, that's nowhere near enough time," said Simon Sandoval-Moshenberg, an attorney with the Legal Aid Justice Center in Falls Church, Virginia.

The rollout of the new system started in Los Angeles this week and is also being implemented in other immigration courts.

## Probe exposes flaws behind HealthCare.gov rollout

WASHINGTON (AP)—Management failures by the Obama administration set the stage for computer woes that paralyzed the president's new health care program last fall, nonpartisan investigators said in a report released Wednesday.

While the administration was publicly assuring consumers that they would soon have seamless online access to health insurance, a chaotic procurement process was about to deliver a stumbling start.

After a months-long investigation, the Government Accountability Office found that the administration lacked "effective planning or oversight practices" for the development of HealthCare.gov, the portal for millions of uninsured Americans.

As a result the government incurred "significant cost increases, schedule slips and delayed system functionality," William Woods, a GAO contracting expert, said in testimony prepared for a hearing Thursday by the House Energy and Commerce Committee. GAO is the nonpartisan investigative agency of Congress.

Spokesman Aaron Albright said the administration takes its responsibility for contract oversight seriously and has already started carrying out improvements that go beyond GAO's recommendations. The congressional investigators recommended a cost control plan and other changes to establish clear procedures and improve oversight.



### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Man on FBI's Most Wanted list in custody

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—A man on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list in connection with a 2008 rape and homicide has been captured and brought to Louisiana, where the crime took place. The FBI reports on its website that Jose Manuel Garcia Guevara surrendered to authorities in Mexico and was returned to Lake Charles, Louisiana, Wednesday morning. Guevara is accused of breaking into 26-year-old Wanda Barton's home in Lake Charles on Feb. 19, 2008, raping her and then stabbing her to death in the presence of her then-4-year-old stepson. Guevara was placed on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugi-

tives list last year. His was the 499th name to be added to the list, which was started in 1950. State authorities in 2008 charged Guevara with second-degree murder, aggravated rape, and aggravated burglary.

#### Foster parent charged with murder in hot car death

WICHITA, Kan. (AP)—A Kansas man accused of leaving his 10-month-old foster child in a hot car where she died was charged Wednesday with murder. Seth M. Jackson, 29, of Wichita, made his first court appearance on a charge of with first-degree murder. An alternative count of second-degree murder was also filed. The girl died Thursday after being left for more

than two hours inside a sweltering car. Police say Jackson had apparently forgotten about her until something on TV jogged his memory. Temperatures in Wichita at the time were around 90 degrees. Jackson's defense attorney, John Stang, said after the hearing that prosecutors went too far in charging his client with murder and that an involuntary manslaughter charge would have better fit the case.

#### Detroit police: Sleeping boy, 8, shot and killed

DETROIT (AP)—Numerous shots were fired at an apartment building, with one piercing a wall and hitting an 8-year-old boy who was sleeping. The child died 45 minutes later. "I haven't

been to sleep. I don't feel safe at all. I didn't go to work today. I didn't want to leave my baby," Tenesha Higgins told The Associated Press as she and other women huddled together hours after another night of violence in a city struggling mightily to reduce its crime rate. The boy's name wasn't released by police, but The Detroit News and Detroit Free Press identified him as Jakari Pearson. No arrests were made, but police were speaking with a "person of interest" in the case, Detroit Police Officer Adam Madera said.

#### Pipe break that flooded UCLA dumps 20M gallons

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The rupture of a nearly century-old water main that

ripped a 15-foot hole through Sunset Boulevard and turned a swath of the University of California, Los Angeles, into a mucky mess points to the risks and expense many cities face with miles of water lines installed generations ago. The flooding sent more than 20 million gallons of water cascading from a water main in the midst of California's worst drought in decades and as tough new state fines took effect for residents who waste water by hosing down driveways or using a hose without a nozzle to wash their car. Much of the piping that carries drinking water in the country dates to the first half of the 20th century, with some installed before Theodore Roosevelt was in the White House.



# Asia

## India landslide kills at least 21



Rescatistas trabajan en el sitio donde un alud provocado por lluvias intensas sepultó decenas de casas en la villa de Malin, en el oeste de India, y dejó al menos 18 muertos, el miércoles 30 de julio de 2014.

**NEW DELHI (AP)**—Rescuers worked in rain Thursday to dig through a remote village in western India where at least 21 people died as a landslide swept away scores of houses, possibly trapping many more people under debris, officials said.

They had already worked through the night using floodlights mounted on jeeps and earthmoving vehicles to pull seven injured people out of the mud and twisted wreckage, Vitthal Banot, a disaster management official, said Thursday. They were taken to a nearby government-run hospital, but their injuries were not life threatening.

But continuing rains and bad roads were hampering rescue efforts in Ambegaon, a village in Pune district in Maharashtra state, said Alok Avasthy, a National Disaster Response Force commander.

Banot said 21 bodies -- 11 men and 10 women -- had been recovered from under mud, rocks, trees and other debris.

"Everything on the mountain came down," said Suresh Jadhav, a district official, describing how a cascade of mud, rocks and uprooted trees swamped the area.

But with 70 homes buried and reports of another 158 hit by the landslide, rescuers anticipated more dead in the village, home to 704 people in the foothills of the Sahyadri Mountains.

Large crowd of people from nearby villages reached the spot and helped rescue workers in

moving fallen trees and rocks with bare hands, the Press Trust of India news agency reported.

The landslide hit Wednesday morning, but details of the damage only began to trickle out several hours later. The area received 10.8 centimeters (4.25 inches) of rain Tuesday, with a heavy downpour continuing through Wednesday.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi mourned the loss of lives in Maharashtra state and said all possible efforts must be made to help the victims, according to a statement from his office. He sent Home Minister Rajnath Singh to the disaster area.

About 250 disaster response personnel were in the area assisting local police and medical teams who began clearing the debris. At least 100 ambulances were also sent to the area, Jadhav said.

Large crowds of people from nearby villages were helping rescue workers move fallen trees and rocks with bare hands, the Press Trust of India news agency reported.

"It is a small village and this happened very suddenly," local legislator Dilip Walse Patil told CNN-IBN TV network. One local commissioner, Prabhakar Deshmukh, said earlier that more than 150 people could be trapped.

Landslides are common in the area during the monsoon season, which runs from June through September.

Pune district is about 150 ki-



lometers (95 miles) southeast of Mumbai, India's commercial capital. The nearest medical center is about 15 kilometers (9 miles) from the village.

The area around the village has been deforested extensively, increasing its vulnerability to landslides.

Similar deforestation and environmental damage have caused floods and landslides in other parts of India.

On Thursday, heavy rains hit a remote mountainous village in a northern India and six members of a family were feared dead, said police officer Pravin Tamta.

Police have recovered two bodies and were searching for four others in Tehri district in the hilly Uttarakhand state, Tamta said. The village is 300 kilometers (200 miles) north of New Delhi.

Last year, more than 6,000 people were killed as floods and landslides swept through Uttarakhand state during the monsoon season.

charges amid a renewed flare-up of bloody anti-government violence in the country's far west. The prosecutor's office in the Xinjiang regional capital of Urumqi announced the indictment of economics professor Ilham Tohti in a brief online statement Wednesday. Tohti was detained in mid-January and later accused of separatism. Through his lawyer, he has firmly rejected accusations of advocating Xinjiang's independence from China. Such charges almost always end in conviction and a sentence of up to several years in prison.

and a response to the appeals by the policemen's families. Presidential peace process adviser Teresita Deles said the move "constitutes a potential building block" toward resuming the talks. "We invite the rebels to come to the table to find common solutions to our problems in peaceful dialogue," Deles said.

### Chinese minority scholar indicted for separatism

**BEIJING (AP)**—An outspoken Chinese minority scholar was indicted on separatism

# World

## Israeli strikes hit UN school, market

**GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)**—Israeli artillery shells tore through the walls of a U.N. school crowded with sleeping war refugees and back-to-back explosions rocked a market filled with shoppers Wednesday as Israel's stepped up campaign against Gaza's Hamas rulers claimed at least 116 Palestinian lives.

After the strikes near the shopping area in Gaza City, bodies lay scattered in the streets as the wounded screamed for help. "Where is the ambulance?" one man moaned as he lay on the blood-soaked ground.

Some 3,300 Gazans seeking refuge from the fighting had been crammed into the U.N. school at the Jebaliya refugee camp when a series of Israeli artillery shells hit before daybreak, turning a classroom where

families had been sleeping into a tragic scene of bloodied clothing, bedding and debris.

Assad Sabah said he and his five children were huddled under desks because of the constant sound of tank fire throughout the night when suddenly mayhem struck.

"We were scared to death," he said. "After 4:30 a.m., tanks started firing more. Three explosions shook the school. One classroom collapsed over the head of the people who were inside."

Palestinian health officials said at least 17 people were killed and 90 wounded in the school attack—the latest in a series of strikes the United Nations says has hit U.N. facilities that are supposed to be safe zones in the 23-day-old war.

"Where will we go next?"

### Gaza conflict

*The death toll continues to mount on both sides of the Gaza conflict.*

#### Death totals

As of July 30, 7:00 GMT

Israeli civilians **3**

Israeli soldiers **53**

Palestinian militants **194**

Palestinian civilians **1,130**

685 men

328 children

117 women

Source: Palestinian Centre for Human Rights, U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs  
Graphic: Melina Yingling © 2014 MCT

wailed 56-year-old Aishe Abu Darabeh, sitting dazed outside a classroom after the shelling. "We fled and they are following us."

## Clashes prevent experts from reaching bodies

**DONETSK, Ukraine (AP)**—Almost two weeks after Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 was blown out of the sky, the remains of some passengers are feared rotting in the 90-degree (32-degree Celsius) midsummer heat, deepening the frustration of relatives desperate to recover the bodies of their loved ones.

Fighting between Ukrainian forces and separatist rebels has kept away international police charged with securing the site, a sprawling area of farmland and villages. And until it's secured, there is no way for forensic

experts to gather up any remaining bodies or collect debris for analysis.

Even the rebels—who initially oversaw the collection of more than 200 of the 298 bodies in a disorganized, widely criticized effort—have stopped their work, saying attacks from the Ukrainian military have forced them to focus on defending themselves.

It remains unclear exactly how many bodies remain and what condition they are in after being exposed for so long to the elements. Dutch officials are adamant there are still bodies to be recovered, and Prime Minister Mark Rutte has said repeatedly that bringing them back is his government's top priority.

But Dutch officials were gloomy Wednesday about the prospects of reaching the site any time soon.

"We don't expect the security situation to improve enough over the next few days to make this possible," said Pieter-Jaap Aalbersberg, head of the Dutch-led recovery mission.

Two crucial pieces of evidence—the flight recorders—have already been retrieved and analyzed, however.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Peace Corps evacuates over Ebola as 2 isolated

**MONROVIA, Liberia (AP)**—The largest recorded Ebola outbreak in history has led the U.S. Peace Corps to evacuate hundreds of volunteers from three affected West African countries, and a State Department official on Wednesday said two volunteers were under isolation after having contact with a person who later died of the virus. Meanwhile, Liberia's president ordered the nation's schools to shut down and most civil servants to stay home as fears deepened over the virus that already has killed more than 670 people in West Africa. The Peace Corps said it was evacuating 340 volunteers from Liberia as well as neighboring Guinea and Sierra Leone.

#### Hospital: 33 dead after Guinea concert stampede

**CONAKRY, Guinea (AP)**—Hundreds of people leaving a late-night rap concert on a beach in Guinea rushed to leave through a single exit, creating a stampede that killed at least 33 people, officials said Wednesday. The victims included children as young as 10, and most bodies brought to an overflowing morgue in the capital were still dressed in bathing suits and swim trunks. Some had bled from their mouths after their small bodies were trampled, causing internal bleeding. "We are not used to seeing such a large number of bodies at the same time. It's such a tragedy, these young victims killed in the prime of their life," said an employee at Donka Hospital where bodies awaited burial. The hospital's director, Dr. Fa-

tou Sike Camara, announced the toll of 33 deaths.

#### Israel calls up another 16,000 reserves

**JERUSALEM (AP)**—Israel's military said Thursday it was calling up another 16,000 reserves, a move that allows it to substantially widen its 23-day campaign against Islamic militants in the Gaza Strip. The new call-up orders follow another day of intensive fighting, in which 116 Palestinians and three Israeli soldiers were killed. It also coincides with stalled diplomatic efforts to end the war, which has already claimed more than 1,360 Palestinian lives—most of them civilians—and reduced entire Gaza neighborhoods to rubble. Israel has now called up a total of 86,000 reserves during the Gaza conflict, which it launched on July 8 to try to end rocket fire from Hamas and other militant groups in Gaza.

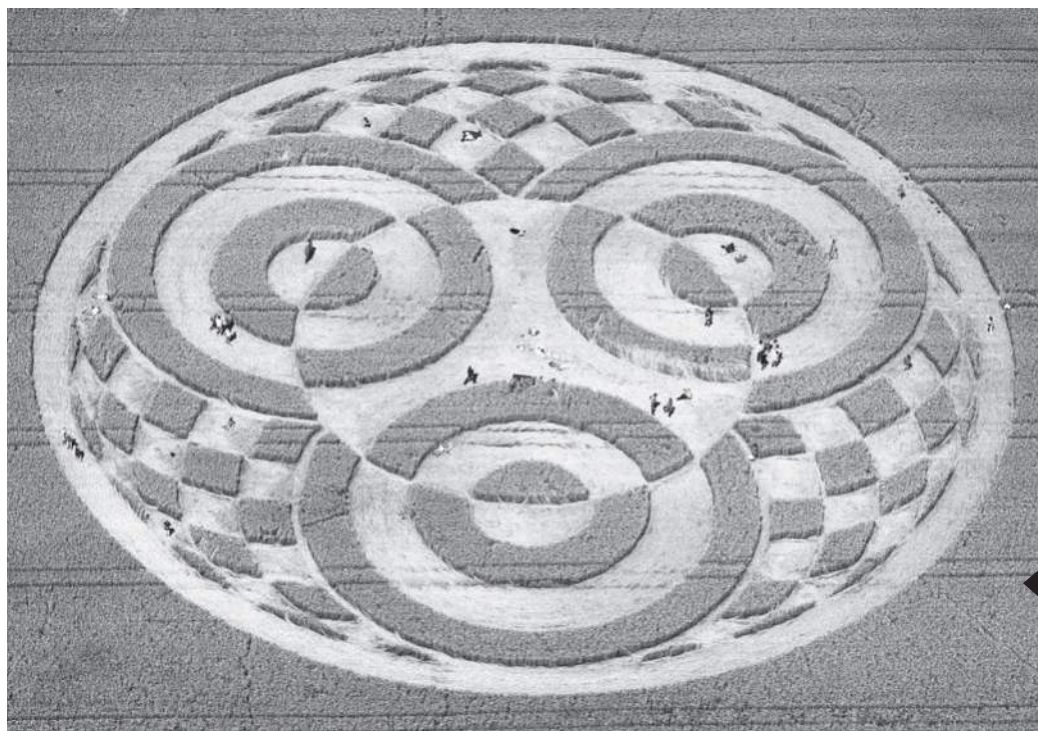
### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Filipino hostages' release sparks hope for talks

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—The release of four police officers abducted by Filipino communist guerrillas has sparked hopes that stalled peace talks will resume, a government official said Wednesday, although major obstacle remains. New People's Army rebels released the police officers they seized in a July 10 attack on a police station in the remote southern town of Alegria in Surigao del Norte province, saying it was a goodwill gesture to promote peace negotiations



# Off the Wall



## Crop circle in Germany attracts many visitors

**BERLIN** (AP)—Thousands of people are trekking to a Bavarian farmer's field to check out a mysterious set of crop circles.

The ornate design was discovered by a balloonist last week and news of the find quickly spread online.

Farmer Christoph Huttner, who owns the wheat field near Weilheim, couldn't be reached for comment Wednesday but told the dpa news agency Tuesday he didn't create the circle himself.

He suggests students on summer holiday may have cut

the image with a 75-meter diameter (246 feet) into his field.

The news agency says thousands of visitors have come to sing, dance and even swing pendulums in the giant image.

Huttner says he's not yet sure whether he will leave the circle in his field.

In this Monday, July 28, 2014 photo, visitors walk through a crop circle in a wheat field near Raisting, southern Germany.

AP

## Ax crashes through car windshield on highway

**TOPSFIELD, Mass.** (AP)—It was a scary moment on a highway north of Boston when an ax smashed through the windshield of a car.

Massachusetts State Police say the ax bounced out of a landscaper's dump truck at about 11 a.m. Wednesday on southbound Interstate 95 in Topsfield. They released a photo showing the ax with a corner of its blade stuck in the passenger side of the car's dashboard. The handle was sticking



AP

In a photo provided by Massachusetts State Police, an ax head rests on the dashboard with the handle stuck in the windshield of a motorist's car after falling off a landscaper's truck on Route 95 in Topsfield, Mass., Wednesday.

through the windshield.

Police say the car's passenger was "shaken up" but not hurt.

The truck driver, from Peabody, Massachusetts, was cited for failing to secure the ax, which carries a \$200 fine.

Police say it could have been worse if the car's driver hadn't been obeying the 65 mph speed limit. Police aren't identifying the motorists.

## WE ARE GREATLY BLESSED

*and our hearts are humbled and honored with the outpouring support, kindness, words of wisdom and most especially the unconditional love which embraced us by our many relatives and friends, from near and far, and stood by our sides as we endured the pain and loss of our dearly beloved.*



## †Thomas Castro Dela Cruz

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**From Carmen S.N. Dela Cruz, Ana Rit DLC. De Guzman, Ronald, Bernie DLC. Babauta, Diego, Martin, Evelyn DLC. Padua and Jessica DLC. Kelley and their families.**

### OFFBEAT BRIEFS

#### Couple wants middle names to include 'Seamster'

**HOLYOKE, Mass.** (AP)—Sea monsters may exist only in the imagination, but a Massachusetts couple wants to make them part of their names. The Republican newspaper of Springfield reports that the couple, Melanie Ann Convery and Neal James Coughlin of Holyoke, are petitioning Massachusetts to allow them to make both of their middle names "Seamster." The couple has made the request in a legal notice published in a local newspaper as required by state law. A hearing on the request is scheduled for Wednesday in Hampden Probate and Family Court. The couple gave no indication why they wanted the legendary creatures to be included in their names.

#### Indianapolis man buys 2 \$1M tickets in 3 months

**INDIANAPOLIS** (AP)—An Indianapolis man has won two \$1 million lottery prizes in the past three months. Hoosier Lottery officials say Robert Hamilton won \$1 million from a scratch-off ticket he bought last week at an Indianapolis convenience store. His other big winner came in April in western Indiana's Jasonville while traveling to a conference. Hamilton says he used his first prize to pay off debts, buy a home and invest in his business. He now plans to buy a motorcycle. The lottery says Hamilton's tickets are among eight top prizes for its \$120 Million Cash Spectacular Scratch-off game. Lottery officials say the odds of winning a top prize from the game are one in 2.1 million.

#### Grandma thanks Idaho trooper for traffic stop

**BOISE, Idaho** (AP)—A woman who got a speeding ticket while on a recent vacation to Idaho wrote a note to the Idaho State Police thanking the trooper for the kindness he showed her grandchildren during the stop. KBOI-TV reports the Idaho State Police shared the note on Wednesday. The woman wrote that Officer Mike

Nielsen made the stop a good experience for her grandchildren by talking with them calmly and giving them stickers. She says she wasn't left out and got her "very own sticker shock." The letter did not say how much she was fined.

#### Man finds calico lobster, gives it to aquarium

**HAMPTON, N.H.** (AP)—A fisherman has caught a rare lobster that's bright orange with dark blue spots. Josiah Beringer found the calico lobster in a trap on July 23 in the mouth of New Hampshire's Hampton Harbor. He donated the 1.5-pound, 5-year-old male lobster to the Explore the Ocean World Oceanarium in Hampton. Beringer tells the Portsmouth Herald the lobster was found in an area known as Washerwoman Rock, an area between two rocks that gets its name from its "really rough" and "washing machine"-like waters. The aquarium's Ellen Goethel says calico lobsters are the second rarest in the world, after albino lobsters. She says the spots are the result of a genetic pigmentation mutation occurring in 1 in every 30 million to 50 million lobsters.

#### Police: Naked intruder fell asleep in couple's bed

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** (AP)—A New Mexico man faces charges after authorities say a couple found him naked and sleeping in their bed. Investigators say 30-year-old Freddy Shelby of Albuquerque was arrested Sunday after the homeowners called police to report their unwanted mystery guest. According to a criminal complaint, Shelby broke into the couple's home through a window and grabbed a Sprite from the refrigerator before falling asleep in the master bedroom. Authorities say the homeowners found a disrobed Shelby in a deep sleep. Officers arrived and called to the man, but he slept through it. Authorities say Shelby woke up only after an officer ripped the blankets off him. Shelby told officers he thought he was at his girlfriend's house. He was charged with breaking and entering. It wasn't immediately known if he had an attorney.



# Science & Technology

## Amazon to invest \$2 billion to expand in India

**MUMBAI, India (AP)**—The world's largest online retailer is facing off in India against a new name in e-commerce that was founded by former Amazon employees.

Amazon.com Inc. said Wednesday it will invest \$2 billion to expand its Indian business, a day after local rival Flipkart raised \$1 billion to fund its own expansion.

Launched last year, Amazon's India division has been making a

big push into the country's small but fast-growing online retail market. It has been running front-page advertisements in newspapers and touting one-day delivery.

Gearing up to fight the online giant, Indian e-commerce company, Flipkart, raised \$1 billion in new capital on Tuesday. Both companies claim they are the largest online retailer in India, though neither releases its sales numbers.

Amazon founder and CEO Jeff

Bezos touted India's potential in a statement Wednesday announcing the \$2 billion investment.

"At current scale and growth rates, India is on track to be our fastest country ever to a billion dollars in gross sales," Bezos said. "We've never seen anything like it."

Online retailing accounted for \$2.3 billion of India's \$400 billion retail market in 2013, but Crisil Research estimated in a February report that sales are growing at more than 50 per-

cent annually and are on track to reach \$8.3 billion by 2016.

Amazon is limited by Indian law to providing products through third-party merchants. Despite that, Amazon India has expanded to 17 million products, it said.

Flipkart, founded in 2007, has at times been called the Amazon of India. It was founded by Sachin Bansal and Binny Bansal, who worked at Amazon before returning home to India to start their online business.

Among the investors in Flipkart's recent \$1 billion fundraising round are Singapore's sovereign wealth fund, GIC, along

with existing investors Accel Partners, DST Global and Morgan Stanley Investment Management, the company said.

## Microsoft spreads Cortana abroad in Windows Phone

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Microsoft is spreading its Cortana digital assistant abroad, starting with China and the U.K.

The company's corporate vice president of operating systems, Joe Belfiore, said Wednesday in Beijing that Chinese and British users of Windows Phones will get the voice-recognizing app in an update to Windows Phone 8.1 that will begin rolling out to developers next week and to users in the coming months.

In China, the app nicknamed "Xiao Na," will speak Mandarin and include locally relevant information, like air quality

reports in weather updates and information on local TV shows and celebrities.

In Britain, users will get an app that has a British accent and be up to date about English Premier League soccer and other local matters.

Users in Australia, Canada and India will also be allowed to use a version of Cortana, although the Redmond, Washington-based company said that would be an earlier test mode and tailored to U.S. and U.K. audiences.

The update, described in April at Microsoft Corp.'s developer conference, will also

introduce new hardware capabilities as the software giant seeks hardware partners beyond Nokia, whose device unit it purchased in April. Although Nokia has accounted for most of the Windows Phone shipments today, Microsoft has signed up 14 new manufacturing partners in the last six months, including heavyweights like Samsung, HTC, Huawei and ZTE.

The update allows for phones to use two SIM cards, supports a better screen resolution for lower-end phones and adds support for so-called "smart covers" that give users brief noti-

cations through a small window in the cover like on Samsung's S4 and S5.

Additionally, the update adds support for faster charging and improves support for Bluetooth accessories like fitness tracker wristbands.

On the software side, the update will now allow so-called "live tile" icons to be grouped into folders, a functionality that has long been available on Apple iPhones and devices that run Google Inc.'s Android operating system.

In Windows Phone, however, the tiles show snippets of information from the apps. The folders will show snippets from four to 18 apps in the folder at once.

### SOUND ADVICE

## These headphones will make you smile

By **DON LINDICH**  
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

**Q. I just moved to a one-bedroom apartment and I'm interested in options for music listening aside from using speakers. I was thinking about a turntable into a phono preamp, then into a headphone amp powering good headphones. Do you recommend a setup like this, and if so do you have any inexpensive product recommendations to get me started?**

**A.** You are on to a great idea. For those on a budget or with space limitations, headphones are the gateway to true high-fidelity listening. You can get fantastic sound without spending a fortune or dedicating room space for speakers.

A perfect choice exists for your phono preamp / headphone amplifier. The \$275 Belari VP130 is a highly regarded phono preamp that includes a headphone amplifier, so this one product will serve both requirements. The VP130 uses a vacuum tube in its circuitry so you get a touch of the exotic in your system as well. Just connect your turntable and plug in your headphones and you are ready to go. If you don't need a phono preamp the \$169 HiFi-MAN EF2A is a good choice.

As for the headphones, I have a wonderful recommendation that should make you very, very happy, whether you use them with a portable device or your



**GRADO LABS/MCT**  
Grado SR60e headphones are available starting at \$79.

headphone amplifier.

Grado Labs of Brooklyn, N.Y., has been making excellent phono cartridges since 1953. They also make a line of high-quality headphones and recently introduced the new Prestige "e" series, which start at only \$79. I tested the Grado SR60e and was blown away with what these \$79 headphones can do.

The SR60e comes with an adapter for use with a standard headphone jack or the miniplug output found on portable devices. I listened mostly with my iPad.

The SR60e headphones are manufactured in the United States and the fit, finish and materials seem improved from previous SR60 models. They are very comfortable and easy to fit. The soft foam earpads don't completely isolate you from the outside world, while providing an incredible listening experience.

Grado has absolutely nailed it on the sound quality. The SR60e is rich, dynamic, detailed, open, transparent and accurate. When you put them on, you do not want to take them off! There is a more detailed review under the headphones tab on my new [www.donsdealfinder.com](http://www.donsdealfinder.com) website. The website is still under construction so there are many unfinished sections, but the review is complete with pictures.

When I was listening I kept thinking to myself, "These are a real treat, and far and away the best headphones I have heard selling for under \$100," thinking of a \$99 retail price point. Then I realized that I was testing the entry-level models, and double-checked the price, which was \$79. That Grado can produce this kind of absolutely phenomenal sound quality for under \$80 while producing the product in the U.S. with American labor is simply amazing. I can only wonder what their more expensive headphones must sound like!

The SR60e headphones have earned a permanent place at my bedside, and I truly look forward to listening to them every night. I smile when I see them on the nightstand, knowing what musical enjoyment they bring every evening. They are that good! You can learn more at [www.gradolabs.com](http://www.gradolabs.com).

Contact Don Lindich at [www.soundadviceblog.com](http://www.soundadviceblog.com) and use the "submit question" link on that site.

*In Loving Memory*  
†**Pete Wilhelm Onni**



Former Chief Marshall of the CNMI Courthouse and Police Lieutenant in CNMI Department of Public Safety, was born in Hanko, Finland on June 27, 1946 and passed away in Nueva Ecija, Philippines on July 28, 2014.

He will be missed by his family:

<b>Wife :</b>	Sharon Mangilit Onni
<b>Children :</b>	Edward Mangilit Onni Pete Mangilit Onni, Jr. Jewel Mangilit Onni
<b>Compadre:</b>	Charles Ingram
<b>Comadre:</b>	Helen Ingram


and his friends.

He will be put to eternal rest this Saturday, August 2, 2014 at the cemetery in Cabiao, Nueva Ecija.

FIFTH DEATH ANNIVERSARY

We, the family of the late

†**ANTONIO VILLAGOMEZ DELEON GUERRERO**



Invite all our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the Fifth Death Anniversary of our beloved's passing unto eternal life.

Daily mass will be celebrated at Mount Carmel Cathedral beginning Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 a.m.

On the last day, Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, Eucharistic Mass will be at 6:00 a.m. with breakfast to follow immediately after the mass at the Joeten Daidai Social Hall.

Your presence and prayers will be greatly appreciated.  
Si Yu'us Ma'ase.

**Alice B. Deleon Guerrero and family**



## Life & Style

# George W. Bush writes book about his father

**NEW YORK (AP)**—His paintings made news worldwide, but it turns out that former President George W. Bush has been working on another, highly personal project since leaving the White House: He has quietly completed a biography of his father, former President George H.W. Bush.

Crown Publishers told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the book, currently untitled, will be released November 11. In 2010, Crown published the younger Bush's million-selling memoir, "Decision Points."

"George H.W. Bush is a great servant, statesman, and father," George W. Bush said in a statement issued by Crown. "I loved writing the story of his life, and I hope others enjoy reading it."

According to Crown, the book will cover the elder Bush's whole life and his influence on his son, from George W.'s "childhood in West Texas to his early campaign trips with his father, and from his decision to go into politics to his own two-term presidency."

The book will be "heartfelt, intimate, and illuminating," Crown publisher Maya Mavjee said in a statement.

"As the only father and son to each have served as President of the United States since John and John Quincy Adams, George H. W. Bush and George W. Bush occupy a unique position in history," Mavjee said. "George W. Bush brings to vivid life his unique perspective of the personal qualities and principles



This Oct. 25, 2009 file photo shows former Presidents George H. W. Bush, right, and George W. Bush before the Houston Texans NFL football game against the San Francisco 49ers in Houston.

that have animated George H. W. Bush's extraordinary life of service to country and family."

Financial terms were not disclosed. George W. Bush was represented by Washington attorney Robert Barnett, who also handled negotiations for "Decision Points."

The relationship between the two presidents has long fascinated scholars, political insiders and the general public. Many have speculated that the younger Bush felt competitive with

his father, driven to surpass him and to gain his approval. In a 2013 appearance on "CBS This Morning," George W. Bush said his father was a role model and that their relationship was based upon "love and admiration."

George W. Bush first thought of the book around 2010 and began writing it two years later, consulting widely with friends and family members, including his father. The book is expected to be around 300 pages and Crown is planning a first

printing of 1 million copies. Although Bush had assistance with research, he wrote the book himself.

George H.W. Bush, who turned 90 in June, was defeated for re-election in 1992 by Bill Clinton, but his stature has steadily grown. In 2012, he was the subject of an admiring HBO documentary, "41," referring to his being the 41st president. Jon Meacham, a Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer, is working on a book

about Bush. "George H. W. Bush: Character at the Core," by former Bush speechwriter Curt Smith, is scheduled to come out this fall.

The elder Bush is one of the few presidents in modern times

not to have written a memoir. His books include "All the Best: My Life in Letters and Other Writings" and "A World Transformed," a collaboration with former National Security Advisor Brent Scowcroft.

## Kristen Bell gets back to her roots with 'Hair'

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Before she was Princess Anna in "Frozen" or even Veronica Mars, Kristen Bell was a musical theater geek. Now she's letting her roots show.

Bell is starring in the irreverent, anti-establishment rock musical "Hair" at the 18,000-seat Hollywood Bowl amphitheater in Los Angeles for three shows starting Friday.

"Performing again onstage is wonderful—especially at a venue like the Bowl. It's enormous, dynamic and terrifying," she wrote this week via email. "I never thought I would perform in a place so big!"

Bell, who attended the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University and made her Broadway debut in 2001 in the musical "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," will play the hippie love interest Sheila and will get to sing "Easy To Be Hard" and "Good Morning Starshine."

Her co-stars include Sarah Hyland ("Modern Family"),

Hunter Parrish ("Weeds"), Amber Riley and Jenna Ushkowitz (both of "Glee"), Benjamin Walker ("Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter") Beverly D'Angelo ("Coal Miner's Daughter") and Kevin Chamberlin ("In and Out").

"The process is so alive and energizing and terrifying," said Adam Shankman, who directs and choreographs. He's prepared a staggering 42 numbers for the show, including some nudity, in a rehearsal time that's less than two weeks. "This isn't easy in any shape or form, but it can be very, very fun and very rewarding."

For Bell, who was in a production of "Hair" in college, the move is a welcome one since she's now known more for her roles in Showtime's "House of Lies" and the feature "Forgetting Sarah Marshall."

"I definitely missed singing live and music in general," Bell wrote. "Music heightens any emotion so it is a wonderful tool to use when performing and storytelling."

"Hair," which has book and lyrics by James Rado and Jerome Ragni and music by Galt MacDermot, tells the story of two best buddies who find freedom in the 1960s preoccupation with sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll. The hit songs include "Aquarius" and "Let the Sun Shine In."

Bell together with Tony Award winner Idina Menzel made her own monster hits while recording the soundtrack to the animated film "Frozen." She says she's proud she got a chance to sing in such a landmark movie.

"It's hard for me to conceptualize how many people have seen 'Frozen'—it's been such a whirlwind," she wrote. "I would love it just the same if no one had seen it at all—but the fact that kids are connecting to the idea of choosing love over fear makes me so happy."

## What's a group selfie? Usie (pronounced uss-ee)

**NEW YORK (AP)**—What do you call a group selfie? An usie, of course!

As in "us." Pronounced uss-ee, rhymes with fussy.

"Usies are a growing trend that I think have far more social value than selfies," said Michal Ann Strahilevitz, a professor of marketing at Golden Gate University in San Francisco who studies consumer behavior. "It's magical capturing moments we share with other people."

In contrast to one-person selfies, usies are "more about the relationship, and less about you and your hair," she said.

The word—sometimes spelled usie, sometimes ussie—has been showing up in written material since at least April 2013, according to Ben Zimmer, executive producer of Vocabulary.com and language columnist for The Wall Street Journal.

A Business Insider story from January noted that the outstretched arm of the photo-taker in usies is a "signature" of the image, because the shooter has to get the camera far enough away to get the group in the frame. The Times of India in

March said Pope Francis' group selfie with visitors at the Vatican last year "could possibly be the first chronicled celebrity usie." And a PopStopTV.com report from June was headlined: "Selfies Are Dead, Usie

is the Latest Trend!"

But the term is so new and relatively obscure that it wasn't used to describe the famous group selfie of Ellen DeGeneres and other celebrities in March during the

Academy Awards.

"There are countless variations on the theme, including 'twofie,' 'threefie,' et cetera, if you want to specify the number of people photographed," said Zimmer.



In this file photo Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2013 Pope Francis has his picture taken inside St. Peter's Basilica with youths from the Italian Diocese of Piacenza and Bobbio who came to Rome for a pilgrimage, at the Vatican.

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## Hijuelos novel posthumous release set for 2015

**NEW YORK (AP)**—A novel completed by Pulitzer Prize winner Oscar Hijuelos shortly before his death last year will be published in the fall of 2015.

Grand Central Publisher announced Wednesday it has acquired Hijuelos' "Twain and Stanley Enter Paradise," based on the friendship between Mark Twain and the explorer Sir Henry Morton Stanley. Grand Central will also publish Hijuelos' "Another Span-

iard in the Works," a short story about a musician who meets John Lennon in 1980, the year the ex-Beatle was shot dead by a deranged fan. In the '60s, Lennon had published a book of humorous writings and drawings called "A Spaniard in the Works."

Hijuelos was best known for "The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love," a 1989 novel about Cuban musicians that won the Pulitzer.

### SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

#### Rabe, Wolcott, Bidart among winners of PEN awards

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Playwright David Rabe, journalist and critic James Wolcott and poet Frank Bidart are among this year's winners of awards given out by the PEN American Center, the literary and human rights organization. Ron Childress' "And West is West" won the \$25,000 PEN/Bellwether Prize for socially engaged fiction. Wolcott received a \$10,000 "Art of the Essay" prize for his collection "Critical Mass." Rabe won the \$7,500 "Master Dramatist" prize. He is known for "Hurly Burly" and "Sticks and Bones," among other plays. Bidart was awarded \$5,000 for his "distinguished and growing body of work." His books include "Desire" and "Metaphysical Dog." The honors were announced Wednesday by PEN. Among other winners, Donald Margulies received \$7,500 for best midcareer playwright and Laura Marks was awarded \$2,500 for best emerging playwright.

#### Prison for fraudster who lied about booking Bieber

**NEW YORK (AP)**—A New York man who stole millions of dollars from clients by falsely promising to book performances by world-famous recording artists like Rihanna, Lady Gaga and Justin Bieber has been sentenced to five to 10 years in prison. Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. announced the sentencing of 39-year-old Meceo McEaddy on Tuesday. His co-defendant, 48-year-old Sylvester Vincent Carroll, of New Jersey, was sentenced this month to three to nine years in prison. Both pleaded guilty to multiple counts of grand larceny, scheme to defraud and other charges. Vance says the two stole about \$3.7 million from party planners around the world. He says the scheme began in 2010 when the duo took \$825,000 from a Brazilian company that believed it had booked Rihanna for concerts in Rio de Janeiro.

#### 'Flower Drum Song' lead James Shigeta dies at 85

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—James Shigeta, who played the lead in the 1961 movie musical "Flower Drum Song" and had a small role in the first "Die Hard," has died. He was 85. His sister-in-law, Ellie Shigeta, tells the Los Angeles Times that he died Monday at an assisted-living facility in Beverly Hills. Born in Hawaii, Shigeta first gained national fame as a singer when he won the grand prize in the early TV talent show, "The Original Amateur Hour." Although he briefly got the spotlight after "Flower Drum Song," he never again played the leading man in a major film, although he continued to appear in TV shows and movies. In 1988's "Die Hard," Shigeta played an executive who is shot by terrorists for refusing to divulge the codes to a vault.

## Contract dispute delays 'Big Bang' production

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Production on a new season of "The Big Bang Theory" is being delayed because of a contract dispute with its top actors.

The Warner Brothers Television studio, which makes television's most popular comedy, said that Wednesday's scheduled first day of work after the summer hiatus was postponed. There's no word on when "The Big Bang Theory" team will be back at work.

The CBS series is heading into its eighth season, and the studio is trying to hammer out new deals with actors Jim Parsons, Johnny Galecki, Kaley Cuoco, Simon Helberg and Kunal Nayyar.

Contract disputes aren't unusual at popular, long-running TV series, and CBS Entertainment Chairman Nina Tassler seemed to take it in stride when asked about the negotiations two weeks ago.

"I just love being able to answer these questions year after year, primarily because we have successful shows," she said. "And when you have successful shows,



Kate Micucci, left, and Riki Lindhome perform on stage during the "The Big Bang Theory" panel on Day 2 of the Comic-Con International Convention on Friday, July 25, 2014, in San Diego. AP

you have renegotiations. We're feeling very confident that everything will work out. These deals manage to get done somehow miraculously year after year."

CBS had no additional

comment on the negotiations Wednesday.

It's considered far too early for such a dispute to affect the timing of a show's season premiere. "The Big Bang Theory" opens

its new season on Sept. 22. The show is moving temporarily to Mondays for the beginning of the new season with CBS airing NFL football games on Thursdays for the first half of the season.

## Allison Williams headed skyward as NBC's Peter Pan

**NEW YORK (AP)**—NBC has picked its Peter Pan: high-flying "Girls" star Allison Williams.

The network announced Wednesday that Williams will play the boy who refused to grow up in NBC's new staging of "Peter Pan Live!" The live telecast of this musical classic will air Dec. 4.

The 26-year-old actress-comedian plays Mamie Michaels on HBO's comedy "Girls," for which she has recorded several songs. She is the daughter of NBC News anchor Brian Williams and has also appeared on "The Mindy Project" and "The League."

NBC recently announced that Oscar winner Christopher Walken will play the villainous pirate Captain Hook.

"I have wanted to play Peter Pan since I was about three years old, so this is a dream come true," said Williams, who added, "What

could go wrong in a live televised production with simultaneous flying, sword fighting and singing?"

This musical version of "Peter Pan" has a long tradition on NBC.

It opened on Broadway in 1954, starring Mary Martin as the flying boy and Cyril Ritchard as Captain Hook in a pair of Tony

Award-winning performances.

They reprised their Broadway roles in a live telecast of the production that aired on NBC in 1955, revived a year later with a second live telecast—and then, in 1960, with a new, videotaped "Peter Pan" that again starred Martin and Ritchard.

The upcoming "Peter Pan Live!" is a follow-up to the success NBC found with a live version of "The Sound of Music" in 2013 with Carrie Underwood. Neil Meron and Craig Zadan, who produced "The Sound of Music," are also working on "Peter Pan Live!"

## Killer of Kelsey Grammer's sister denied parole

**DENVER (AP)**—A man who raped and killed actor Kelsey Grammer's sister nearly 40 years ago has been denied parole after the actor testified against his release.

A prison spokeswoman said Wednesday that Freddie Glenn's parole request



Grammer

has been denied for now.

Glenn, who is serving a life sentence, was convicted of killing Karen Elisa Grammer after kidnapping her from a Red Lobster restaurant in Colorado Springs where she worked in 1975. He also was convicted of killing two men in

separate slayings.

The Denver Post reports Glenn was tearful at times as he apologized during Tuesday's parole hearing. He was 18 at the time of Karen Grammer's death and said he thinks he deserves a second chance.

Kelsey Grammer says he accepted Glenn's apology, but endorsing his release would be a "betrayal of my sister's life."

## Diabetic friend suffers close call miles away from hospital

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have a lake house and invited a couple (close friends) to join us for a few days. The husband has cancer and has been taking chemo. We wanted them both to rest, as the wife is his only caregiver. We all thought this would be a wonderful opportunity to relax and enjoy nature.

The second night they were there, the husband went to bed very early and the three of us were visiting. At one point, my friend went into the kitchen. When she didn't come out, I went to check on her and found her close to a diabetic coma.

It was very frightening. She hadn't eaten much dinner and her blood sugar had crashed to a dangerous level. Fortunately, we knew what to do because my dad was diabetic.

We were an hour from the nearest hospital and had no cell reception. We did not know where her medication was. My friend was making no sense and couldn't remember.

I want to respect my friends' privacy, but if you travel with someone you know has a medical condition, is it OK to ask where they keep their meds in case of an emergency? How do you approach the subject?

CARING FRIEND IN CALIFORNIA

**DEAR CARING FRIEND:** Of course it's OK. And a perfect

way to lead up to that question would be to relate the story you have written to me.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband, for the most part, is a happy-go-lucky, funny person during the day. But once we sit down to dinner, he starts criticizing and making mean comments about me. Once dinner is over, he's back to being pleasant.

I have addressed this with him to no avail. I have tried ignoring his comments, changing the subject, asking calmly for him to make his concerns known before or after rather than during the meal. I have suggested we eat dinner away from the table or separately. I have sought the counsel of a therapist and tried implementing her suggestions.

I am at my wits' end. I'm a well-educated, good person, a good wife and co-provider. I do not understand why he acts this way at the dinner table. Your thoughts, Abby?

IT'S ALL GOOD, UNTIL ...

**DEAR IT'S ALL GOOD:** When someone tells me, "It's all good" and then describes a marriage in which her husband beats her down emotionally once a day, I have to wonder what her definition of "good" is. For whatever reason, your husband appears to be trying to punish you for something by

### DEAR ABBY

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deliberately upsetting you every evening.

Was it his behavior that caused you to seek counseling or something else? I ask because I think the wrong spouse may have seen the therapist. Unless HE decides to get help and find a healthier way of channeling his anger/frustration, nothing will change, because as it stands, there have been no "consequences" for his actions.

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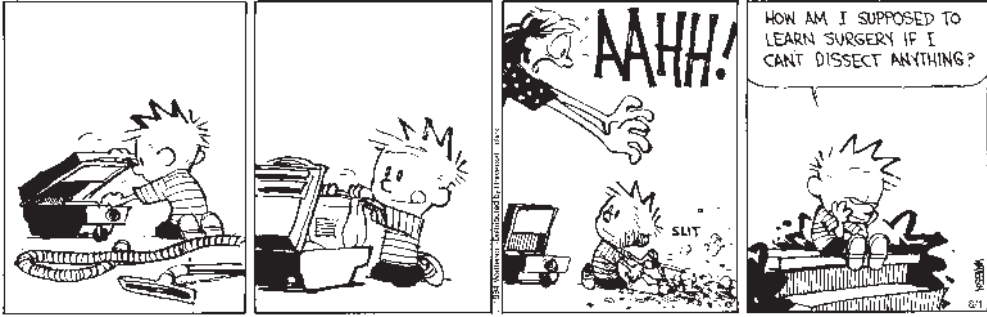
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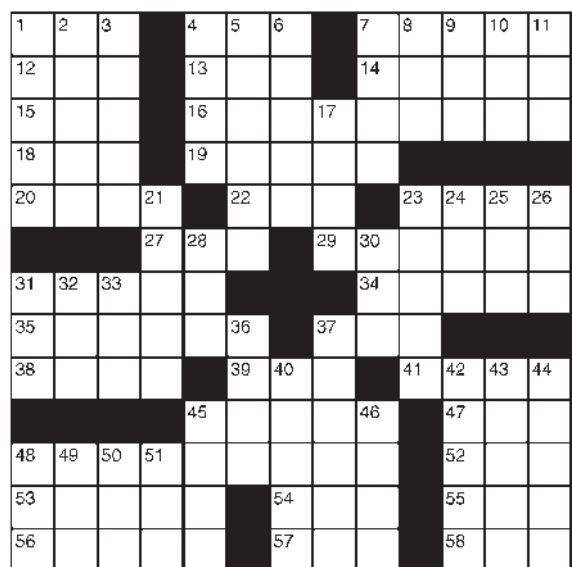
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By Eugene Sheffer

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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Relying on someone else to do things will lead to disappointment. The more you take charge, the better you will feel and the more you will get in return. Networking will lead to an interesting encounter. ★★★

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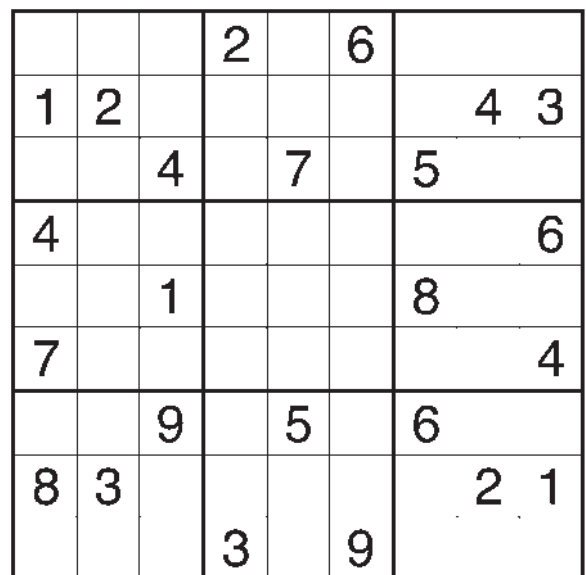
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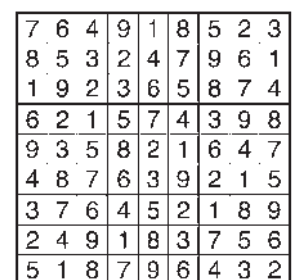
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**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Hard work, creativity and patience will pay off if you put your efforts into personal relationships and self-improvement. Don't worry about things you can't change when you should be pushing what you can. Your efforts will help to stabilize your financial situation. ★★★

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By DAVID OUELLET

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# Giants benefit from Pirates' blunder, end skid at 6



**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—Reliever Jean Machi and the San Francisco Giants took advantage of a huge baserunning blunder by Pittsburgh, tagging out two runners who wandered away on the same play and beating the Pirates 7-5 Wednesday to end a six-game losing streak.

San Francisco stopped a skid that matched its longest of the season, and avoided the club's first winless homestand of at least seven games in the 15-year history of AT&T Park.

The Pirates, who had won three in a row, led 5-4 in the sixth when Chris Stewart drew a one-out walk with runners on second and third.

Machi (6-0) got the ball back from the catcher and noticed Travis Snider had left second base, thinking it was a bases-loaded walk. Machi threw to shortstop Brandon Crawford to trap Snider in a rundown. Crawford tagged out Snider, then threw to Machi to catch Gaby Sanchez in a rundown when he broke home from third. Machi tossed back to third baseman Pablo Sandoval for the tag.

Justin Wilson (3-2) took the loss. Santiago Casilla, San Francisco's fifth reliever after Tim Lincecum's short start, earned his eighth save in 11 chances.

## Indians 2, Mariners 0

In Cleveland, Corey Kluber pitched a three-hitter for his first career shutout, outdueling Felix Hernandez and leading the Cleveland Indians over Seattle.

Kluber (11-6) gave three singles, struck out eight and walked none.

Hernandez (11-3) didn't allow a runner until Carlos Santana drew a leadoff walk in the fifth. Yan Gomes delivered a two-run double later in the inning.

Hernandez gave up four hits in seven innings. He has allowed two runs or fewer and pitched at least seven innings in 14 consecutive starts, a major league record.

Kluber's performance came hours after the Indians traded opening-day starter Justin Masterson to St. Louis.

## Rockies 6, Cubs 4

In Chicago, Brandon Barnes hit a tie-breaking RBI single in the 10th inning as the Colorado Rockies beat the Chicago Cubs.

Colorado loaded the bases on two walks and Michael McKenry's third hit of the game before Barnes singled with one out against Wesley Wright (0-



Pittsburgh Pirates' Gaby Sanchez, foreground, is tagged out while caught stealing by San Francisco Giants third baseman Pablo Sandoval in the sixth inning of a baseball game Wednesday, July 30, 2014, in San Francisco.

2). Drew Stubbs then scored on a wild pitch, helping the Rockies stop a three-game slide.

Rob Scahill (1-0) pitched a scoreless inning for his second major league win and Adam Ottavino got three outs for his first career save.

Scahill was recalled from Triple-A Colorado Springs before the game, bolstering Colorado's bullpen after it used eight relievers in Tuesday night's 16-inning loss.

## Brewers 5, Rays 0

In St. Petersburg, Yovani Gallardo gave up four hits in seven innings and Martin Maldonado equaled a career high with four RBIs as the NL Central-leading Milwaukee Brewers avoided a three-game sweep by beating David Price and Tampa Bay.

Gallardo (6-5) retired 13 in a row at one point.

Price (11-8), the subject of trade speculation heading into Thursday's deadline for non-waiver deals, had his bid to win a team-record seventh consecutive start dashed after allowing four runs and seven hits over seven innings.

## Orioles 4, Angels 3

In Baltimore, Kevin Gausman pitched seven innings of three-hit ball and Adam Jones homered as the Baltimore Orioles beat the Los Angeles Angels for their seventh win in nine games.

Gausman (5-3) retired his first 14 batters he faced. Darren O'Day struck out two in a perfect eighth and Zach Britton gave up a single in the ninth before earning his 21st save.

Garrett Richards (11-4) gave up four runs in seven innings.

## Astros 8, Athletics 1

In Houston, Dallas Keuchel pitched a four-hitter and Robbie Grossman homered to cap a six-run first inning that sent the Houston Astros over Oakland.

Keuchel (10-7) threw his fourth complete game of the season, tying Dodgers ace Clayton Kershaw for the major league lead.

The Astros won the series from the AL West-leading Athletics.

Keuchel struck out five and walked three. Josh Donaldson hit his 23rd homer for Oakland's only run.

Jason Hammel (0-4) remained winless in four starts since the A's acquired him with pitcher Jeff Samardzija from the Cubs earlier this month. Hammel was 8-5 before the trade.

## Tigers 7, White Sox 2

In Detroit, Max Scherzer pitched seven impressive innings as the Detroit Tigers scored six runs in the first inning to beat the Chicago White Sox.

Nick Castellanos hit a three-run homer in the first and added an RBI single in the seventh for the Tigers, who snapped a four-game losing streak. Scherzer (13-3) allowed a run and five hits.

Hector Nesi (5-8) allowed six runs and 10 hits in six innings. Chicago slugger Jose Abreu singled in the seventh to extend his hitting streak to 19 games.

## Blue Jays 6, Red Sox 1

In Boston, Mark Buehrle pitched 6 2-3 innings to earn his first win in almost two months and Dioner Navarro had three

hits and three RBIs to lead the Toronto Blue Jays over Boston for their fifth consecutive victory.

Buehrle (11-7) allowed one run on six hits to snap a six-game losing streak that matched the longest of his career.

Toronto has won eight of its last nine games.

Brandon Workman (1-4) fell behind quickly after being called up from Triple-A to replace trade bait Jon Lester.

Lester was originally scheduled to start for Boston, but the All-Star was scratched while his name is bandied about ahead of Thursday's trade deadline. As the Red Sox went down in the ninth, fans remaining from the sellout crowd chanted, "Jonny Lester!"

## Rangers 3, Yankees 2

In Arlington, Colby Lewis retired his final 13 batters in seven strong innings as the Texas Rangers clinched their first series victory in a month, beating the New York Yankees.

Brett Gardner led off the game with a homer for the second straight night, after homering twice in the series-opening loss for New York.

The Rangers had lost seven consecutive series since taking two of three against Minnesota from June 27-29.

Texas went ahead to stay with three runs in the first off Hiroki Kuroda (7-7).

Lewis (7-8) allowed four hits. Neftali Feliz worked the ninth for his third save in as many chances since reassuming the closer role after Joakim Soria was traded to Detroit.

Derek Jeter was 0 for 4 in his final game in Texas, where he was recognized in a pregame ceremony that included an on-field appearance by former President George W. Bush.

## Nationals 4, Marlins 3

In Miami, Tanner Roark won his fourth consecutive start as Washington averted a series sweep by snapping Miami's six-game winning streak.

For the fourth start in a row, Roark (11-6) allowed one run in seven innings, lowering his ERA to 2.74.

Drew Storen allowed two runs in the ninth before retiring Reid Johnson on a forceout with two on for the final out to earn his first save since August 2013.

Jayson Werth, back in the lineup after missing one start because of a sore right ankle, put the Nationals ahead to stay with a sacrifice fly in their three-run eighth.

Denard Span stole two bases and scored twice.

Brad Hand (2-3) allowed three runs in seven-plus innings. NL RBI leader

Giancarlo Stanton hit his 24th home run and Jordany Valdespin hit his second for the Marlins, who had won nine of their past 10.

## Mets 11, Phillies 2

In New York, Daniel Murphy hit a three-run homer to back up Zack Wheeler's sixth straight strong start as New York routed Philadelphia.

The Mets sent 10 men to the plate in the seventh inning, scoring five insurance runs off the Philadelphia bullpen to take two of three in the series. Lucas Duda homered and had three RBIs.

Wheeler (6-8) gave up two runs and seven hits with four strikeouts in 6 2-3 innings. The 24-year-old right-hander has allowed two runs or fewer in six outings in a row.

Jimmy Rollins, out of the lineup for the noon start after a night game, pinch-hit for Kendrick (5-11) to open the seventh and homered for the second straight day to pull the Phillies within 4-2.

## Diamondbacks 5, Reds 4

In Cincinnati, Paul Goldschmidt hit a two-run homer that kept Alfredo Simon winless since the All-Star game as Arizona held on to take a series between two teams struggling to score runs.

Goldschmidt's 19th homer off Simon (12-6) gave the Diamondbacks two of three in the series. Simon has gone 0-3 since his first All-Star selection. Didi Gregorius added a two-run homer in the ninth.

The Reds fell to 2-10 since the All-Star break. Devin Mesoraco's three-run homer in the ninth off Addison Reed ended a streak of 11 straight games with three runs or fewer, Cincinnati's longest such stretch of futility since 1967.

Wade Miley (7-7) gave up seven hits and four walks in 6 2-3 innings, improving to 4-1 in his past five starts for Arizona. Reed earned his 26th save in 31 chances.

## Royals 3, Twins 2

In Kansas City, Salvador Perez triggered a go-ahead rally with a double in the sixth inning and made several spectacular plays behind the plate, helping the Kansas City Royals top Minnesota.

Jason Frasier (2-1) earned his first win since arriving from Texas by striking out Chris Colabello to leave the bases loaded in the sixth inning.

All-Star closer Greg Holland survived two wild pitches that sent Eduardo Nunez to third base by striking out Sam Fuld for his 28th save.

Phil Hughes (10-8) took the loss.

# Even on bad teams, Williams good enough for Hall



**PHOENIX (AP)**—Aeneas Williams spent most of his NFL career on bad teams.

But that didn't prevent him from pursuing excellence, becoming one of the best cornerbacks in the league and earning a spot in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

In his 10 seasons with Arizona, the Cardinals had one winning season.

But despite that, he either led or shared the NFL lead in interceptions three times and made six Pro Bowls. Williams never missed a game and started all but one. He had a streak of 157 consecutive starts.

And he never let the poor play around him affect his performance.

"Just refuse to become a loser even

though we weren't winning a whole lot of games," Williams said.

He finally made it to the playoffs with the Cardinals in 1998, then intercepted two passes as Arizona stunned the Cowboys in Dallas in the first round.

"I really saw the makings of what the current (Cardinals) organization is experiencing now," Williams said.

But the Cardinals slipped back into their inept ways and, after a decade in the desert, Williams left to join a winner.

On draft day of 2001, the Cardinals traded him to the St. Louis Rams for draft picks.

That year, for just the second time in his career, Williams was in the playoffs.

He started at left cornerback, helping transform a woeful Rams defense, and St. Louis reached the Super Bowl,

where it lost to Tom Brady and the New England Patriots 20-17.

Williams was moved to safety in the final years of his career, retiring in 2004, leaving a trail of admiration.

"Everything he did, whether it was on or off the field, he did with a tremendous amount of honesty and dignity," said Dave McGinnis, who coached Williams in Arizona.

Williams had 55 interceptions, including eight seasons with at least four. He made the Hall of Fame in his third time as a finalist.

Now a pastor in St. Louis, Williams will be introduced at the Hall of Fame induction by his father, Lawrence, whom he credits for molding him into the man he became.

"I didn't have to look outside my

home for a hero," Williams said.

Growing up in a strict but loving family in New Orleans, Williams said school was more important to his parents than athletics.

He played football in high school, but didn't draw any interest from colleges. So he followed his older brother to Southern University.

As a junior, he decided to join the football team as a walk-on. The following season, he led the Southwestern Athletic Conference with seven interceptions.

Williams still remembers, and often repeats, what Southern defensive coordinator Percy Duhe told the New Orleans newspaper, that "Aeneas is a good player, but I don't think he'll ever go pro because he runs a 4.6 (second) 40-yard dash."

Williams said he joined the track team

that year and worked with a fellow football player to improve his speed.

"I ran a 4.28 for scouts that spring," he said.

The then-Phoenix Cardinals picked him in the third round.

While the team lost year after year, Williams said he bears no animosity.

Quite the opposite.

"I can say my time in Arizona was fulfilling, rewarding," he said. "I'd never trade it for the world."

McGinnis, who was the defensive coordinator, then head coach, at Arizona, said every game plan would be developed around Williams.

"I pulled him aside one day and told him 'Having you play corner reminds me of having Mike Singletary at linebacker,'" McGinnis said.

Williams and Singletary are two of six Hall of Famers McGinnis has coached.



# Riley speaks out, insists Heat will be competitive



**MIAMI** (AP)—One of the last things Miami Heat President Pat Riley told LeBron James before free agency began this summer was that he would be selling potential players on the notion of playing alongside a four-time NBA MVP.

And James never made him think otherwise, Riley said - until roughly the same moment that the entire world was made aware of his plan to go home.

Riley made that revelation Wednesday, shortly after the Heat completed the signing of Chris Bosh to a \$118 million, five-year contract and essentially wrapped up their roster-rebuilding project for next season, the first of the post-LeBron era in Miami.

The Heat have 12 players locked in for next season, Bosh and Dwyane Wade foremost among them, and Riley expects the four-time defending Eastern Conference champions to compete once again this coming year. But much of his first session offering in-depth remarks about free agency revolved, predictably, about James - the MVP who got away.

"I went into it with the thought and the notion that he was coming back and I was selling that to players," Riley said.

## Stern sees Sterling saga ending well, lauds Silver

**NEW YORK** (AP)—Former Commissioner David Stern praised the NBA's handling of the Donald Sterling controversy and predicts it will "end well" for the league.

Stern said his successor, Adam Silver, has been "forceful" but also "demonstrated a compassionate side" in his reaction to the racist remarks that were made by the Los Angeles Clippers owner.

"He's done great. He has been forceful, he has been reflective, he has been buttoned-down and I think he has also demonstrated a compassionate side as well," Stern told The Associated Press on Wednesday during a phone interview.

"So I think it's going to end well."

Silver fined Sterling \$2.5

million and banned him for life after the recorded comments became public. Sterling's wife, Shelly, later agreed to sell the team to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer for a record \$2 billion, a transaction the league believes will close shortly even as Donald Sterling continues trying to fight in court.

Stern retired after 30 years as commissioner in February. He will be enshrined into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame next week.

During his tenure, Shelly and Donald Sterling faced allegations that they discriminated against tenants based on race in Los Angeles according to a lawsuit filed by U.S. Department of Justice in 2006. The Sterlings, who at the time owned and managed about 119

apartment buildings or 5,000 apartments throughout Los Angeles County, agreed to settle the suit for \$2.725 million.

Stern has remained an adviser to the league and remained in frequent contact with Silver, who worked under him since 1992. Silver was the commissioner for less than three months when TMZ released audio of Sterling's remarks.

Silver handed out his punishment days later and has navigated the league as it tries to oust Sterling, who owned the Clippers franchise even before Stern became commissioner.

"Adam has been a part of the fabric of every important decision and event for the last 22 years," Stern said. "He knows exactly what to do, he's done mostly everything, and he's

continuing his run as being a terrific manager."

Sterling still has lawsuits against Silver and the league, though his best attempt to block the sale may have slipped away when a Los Angeles judge ruled Monday that Shelly Sterling had the authority to sell the team.

That's a relief to players, some of whom have said they wouldn't want to play if Sterling is still in the league. New Players Association executive director Michele Roberts said the response to Sterling would likely be on the list of things she would discuss with the players, whose president, Chris Paul, plays for the Clippers. Interim CEO Dick Parsons testified that coach Doc Rivers said he would not return if Sterling did.

"This is business. This is all business. As soon as something happens in this business, I had to react, we had to react as an organization, and we did."

Riley said Wednesday that once the Heat learned that James was leaving, it was too late to get involved in the pursuit of Carmelo Anthony, who wound up re-signing with the New York Knicks.

Still, it was more than a salvage project. Wade and Bosh are both likely Hall of Fame players. The Heat wound up with some of their top free-agent targets in players like Luol Deng and Josh McRoberts, both of whom Riley raved about about.

Perhaps most importantly, the Heat not only figure to be good enough to compete now, but have the flexibility financially for Riley to go out in the already-anticipated free-agent summer of 2016 and try to build what he did when he got James, Wade and Bosh to team up.

And instead of blasting James - as Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert did when he left Cleveland in 2010 - the Heat have taken the high road, with managing general partner Micky Arison writing an open letter to fans this week reminding them that even without James, the franchise's goal of winning more titles hasn't changed.

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# 'Head-to-Head Challenge' at TOC continues today



NIKEGOLF in cooperation with organizers of TOC holds the final session of the 2014 TOC Demo Days today at the driving range of LaoLao Bay Golf Resort.

Dubbed as the "Head-to-Head Challenge," the event will feature Nike's latest golf equipment, including the much improved VR\_S Covert 2.0.

Participants are welcome to bring their current equipment and compare their overall performance in terms of distance and accuracy against VR\_S Covert 2.0.

"As in the previous years, NIKEGOLF is bringing in its full spectrum of hard goods for the CNMI golf community to try out," NIKEGOLF representative to the CNMI John Botelho said.

"To measure distance and accuracy, I will bring with me the state-of-the-art BallFlight and Launch Monitor which will determine your ball speed and spin, launch angles, carry, and driving distances. We will also conduct personalized fittings to those interested, Botelho added.

The event is free.

Meanwhile, around 200 golfers are expected to join 19th Tournament of Champions, which will have competitions in the Championship, A, B,C, Senior,



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
Participants from last year's Tournament of Champions pose for a photo before heading to the next tee at the LaoLao Bay Golf Resort. A pre-TOC event dubbed as "Head-to-Head Challenge" will continue today.

Super Senior, and Ladies (low gross and low net) flights. The Top 3 finishers in each flight (except Ladies low net) will receive

cash prizes with \$500 going to the champions, \$400 to the runner-ups, and \$300 to the third placers. The fourth and fifth finishers will

bring home digital cameras and gift certificates, respectively.

The tournament will start at 7am on both days, but golfers

must check in by 6am.

For more information, contact Arthur Miron at 236-2533. (Saipan Tribune)

## EAFF

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Vargas, Marielle Gariguez, Jeralyn Castillo, Melody Johnson, Diane Pablo, Thea Minor, Elizabeth Phan, Krizelle Mae Tuazon, and Chevy Kate Alipio. Luam Khen Koo is the team's head coach and had Wai Wo Lee as his assistant, while Chi Ming Tang and Mae Angeline Ito are the goalkeeper coach and manager, respectively.

"Now our young players look up to them. Our young players

will realize that since they have been into the program for the past several years, they have a lot of time to learn and improve their skills so one day they can also be part of the women's national team and equal or even surpass the squad's performance in the EAFF tournament," Tan added.

The NMIFA head also said that after the team's success, he hopes more female players will be encouraged to join the sport, especially in its youth program.

"Our youth program is the backbone of our national team,

so we have to get consistent numbers of young players for our program," the NMIFA president said.

Meanwhile, Ito said they will keep the team intact and play in Division 2 of the M-League in the next season to continue their training.

"We won't be having any international tournament in the remaining months of this year, but we will continue to train and maybe have friendly matches along the way. We have to keep this momentum and let our

players improve more," said Ito, who took note of the different character the squad showed against Macau.

"They were not afraid to take shots against Macau. They were on the offensive mode, unlike in our game against Guam where they concentrated on defense and have only a few build-ups. Against Macau they were very aggressive, made lots of passes, and had great plays," Ito said. "After that first goal (Vergara), it seemed everybody felt confident."

## NMBA

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(last names were not indicated in the scoresheets), 21-10. The winning duo's second victory was against the tandem of Kenny Laquian and Gwyneth, 21-13, and the last was versus Kristopher Laquian and Jeanine Quilantang, 21-10.

Participants in the U10 competition and the mini tournament joined the two-week summer camp that drew over 100 youth.

## SHIRLEY'S

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ley's seventh in as many games, fortifying the squad's hold to the top spot in the six-team league, while the loss extended Saipan Tribune/RMS' skid to seven.

Shirley's turned an eight-point lead in the third quarter, 55-47, to a 28-point winning margin, as the depleted Saipan Tribune/RMS crew lost steam in the fourth quarter, scoring only eight points. Only Victor Regis drilled more than one field goal for the slumping Saipan Tribune/RMS, while Mico Moran and Dennis Chan nailed the two other baskets. Saipan Tribune/RMS played with only seven players and was down to six in the second half, as big man John March Ong left the floor due to a foot injury.

With a shorthanded roster and visibly tired players, Saipan Tribune/RMS allowed Shirley's one fastbreak basket after another. Angel Catungal, Fradel Sedillo, and Jess Nicdao capitalized on Saipan Tribune/RMS's failure to go back on transition defense, as they combined for 24 of Shirley's 28 points in the fourth canto.

Shirley's total output in the fourth was its biggest in the game, as it did not hit the 20-plus point mark in the first three frames. Shirley's tallied only 19 markers in the first period, as its main players came in late, allowing Saipan Tribune/RMS to stay in the match and force a tie after the opening 10 minutes of play. The then healthy Ong scored seven points in first period to keep Saipan Tribune/RMS afloat, while Sedillo led Shirley's with his nine markers.

Ong buried Saipan Tribune/RMS' first basket in the second quarter and that was it for him, while Sedillo kept going and his other teammates stepped up to put Shirley's on top at the break, 35-39. Shirley's stretched the advantage to as much as 14 in the third, 51-37, but Saipan Tribune/RMS refused to give up and moved within eight, entering the final canto. Saipan Tribune/RMS spent so much energy keeping up with Shirley's in the first three periods, leaving the former with little power to make one final push, while the latter came out fresher and stronger for another victory. Meanwhile, in the first game, Fiesta also eased it way past CTSI/D&Q, 82-66.

Fiesta improved to a 6-1 record to bolster its bid for the automatic semis seat, while CTSI/

D&Q fell to a 1-6 card. The Top 2 teams in the two-round robin play will gain the outright semis tickets, while the bottom four will fight for the two remaining semis slots.

Fiesta played with its captain Elmer Esdreton and prized recruit Jared Matsutaro, but the team hardly missed the two, as Djay Ong and Paul Quizon were on target in last week-end's game. Ong fired a team-high 33 points, while Quizon added 17.

The youthful Ong scored 10 straight points in the fourth period, 12 in the quarter, to blow out CTSI/D&Q. Quizon spread his baskets in the first three quarter, helping Fiesta build a 60-50 advantage going into the final frame where Ong took over to finish with 30-plus points. Meanwhile, Kanoa won the

second game last week after POI failed to show up for the match with enough players.

### First Game

**Fiesta 82** – Ong 32, Quizon 19, Villamena 7, Demafelix 6, Macoto 6, Alakoa 4, Lavarias 2, Bello 2.

**CTSI/D&Q 66** – Jinang 33, Garcia 10, Echavez 8, Semisi 5, Kenty 4, Candalla 4.

**Scoring by quarters:** 22-17, 39-37, 60-50, 82-66.

### Third Game

**Shirley's Coffee Shop 83** – Sedillo 25, Dela Rosa 14, Catungal 13, Nicdao 11, Jugos 10, Usi 8, Domingo 2.

**Saipan Tribune/RMS 55** – De la Torre 12, Chan 11, J. Ong 9, Moran 8, Regis 8, Galvez 5.

**Scoring by quarters:** 19-19, 35-29, 55-47, 83-55.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

##### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	60	46	.566	—
Toronto	59	50	.541	2½
New York	55	52	.514	5½
Tampa Bay	53	55	.491	8
Boston	48	60	.444	13

##### Central Division

Detroit	58	46	.558	—
Kansas City	54	52	.509	5
Cleveland	53	54	.495	6½
Chicago	52	56	.481	8
Minnesota	48	58	.453	11

##### West Division

Oakland	66	41	.617	—
Los Angeles	63	43	.594	2½
Seattle	55	52	.514	11
Houston	44	64	.407	22½
Texas	43	65	.398	23½

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE

##### East Division

Washington	58	47	.552	—
Atlanta	58	50	.537	1½
Miami	53	54	.495	6
New York	52	56	.481	7½
Philadelphia	47	61	.435	12½

##### Central Division

Milwaukee	60	49	.550	—
Pittsburgh	57	50	.533	2
St. Louis	56	50	.528	2½
Cincinnati	53	54	.495	6
Chicago	44	62	.415	14½

##### West Division

Los Angeles	61	47	.565	—
San Francisco	58	50	.537	3
San Diego	48	59	.449	12½
Arizona	47	61	.435	14
Colorado	44	63	.411	16½

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# 8th Micronesesian Games

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The CNMI's Orrin Pharmin, second left, competes in the 100m hurdles of the men's octathlon event in last week's 8th Micronesesian Games in Pohnpei.



CNMI players from the bench stand up to greet their teammates after the win against Pohnpei.



CNMI players wait for their turn at-bat.



The CNMI's Christian Viillacrusis gets ready to plunge into the pool.



CNMI team manager Tony Rogolifoi (57) huddles with his players at home plate during a break in their game against Pohnpei.



CNMI referee Arnold Mesa, left, gestures while officiating a basketball game at the COM-FSM Gymnasium.



The CNMI's Lia Rangamar plays tough defense on Guam's Destiny Castro.



A CNMI player delivers a pitch to Pohnpei.



CNMI Canoe Team coach Justin H. Andrew receives the gold medal in the 1,500m race.



200m run gold medalist Rachel Abrams of the CNMI is congratulated by the medal presenter.





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## EAFF win to inspire CNMI youth players



GUAM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

The CNMI Women's National Team's Jeralyn Castillo dribbles against two Macau defenders during their game in the Preliminary Round 1 of the 2015 EAFF East Asian Cup last week at the Guam Football Association Training Centre in Harmon.

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The CNMI Women's National Team's win over Macau in the Preliminary Round 1 of the 2015 EAFF East Asian Cup will serve as an inspiration to the Commonwealth's youth female players, according to Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan.

"I said that because most of the players on the team are from other sports. Some just learned how to play soccer when they came to Saipan and others just started playing two or three years ago. There are no players on the team who came from our grassroots and youth programs, but still with their hard work and determination they were able to win against Macau. Just imagine the kind of game they will bring at the pitch if these girls started early and have been into the program consistently," said Tan, who led a recognition ceremony for the squad yesterday at the Nami Bar of Kanoa Resort.



The CNMI Women's National Team clobbered Macau, 7-0, in Guam last week for its first win in an EAFF-sanctioned competition. Emily Maxberry, Megan Silberberger, Alexa Vergara, Carrie Schuler, Gabrielle Race, and Jeraldine Castillo scored for the Commonwealth bets. Other members of the team are Jhaneeka Atalig, Elaine Enriquez, Michelle Masga, Mikky

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## Shirley's rolls to seventh straight victory

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Head and tail met in the 2014 Tan Holdings Inter-Company Basketball League last

Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium with the pacesetter Shirley's Coffee Shop hammering cellar-dweller Saipan Tribune/Realty Management Services, 83-55.

The lopsided win was Shir-

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## Blue Racketeers rules NMBA summer camp tourney

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The Blue Racketeers prevailed in a mini tournament that capped the 2014 NMBA Youth Badminton Summer Camp last week at the TSL Sports Complex.

The Blue Racketeers bested three other teams, collecting 42 points in the four-day mini competition that featured doubles and mixed doubles events. The champion team finished way ahead of runner-up Prototype, which had 22 points. The Smashers was in close third behind Prototype with its 20 markers, while the Black Team came in at fourth with 12 points.

Two points were given to teams that earned one win, while squads were allowed a maximum of 15 players on their respective rosters. The Blue Racketeers was composed of Leonardo Manuel, John and HaJin Oh, Jasmine

Phan, Mikamaika and Mi-chaela Serrano, Joshua Sanchez, Air Joy Velasco, John Guillier and Jacob Canape, Hannah Bordon, Katelyn Rabang, and Nicole Mascarinas. The champion team gained 12 points each in Day 2 and 4 of the mini tournament and 10 apiece in the two other days to dominate the four-team field.

Prototype had its best showing in the final day of the competition, notching eight points. It got six points each in the first two days before winning only one match on the third day to add two more points to its credit. Prototype had 12 players for the event. The list includes Kathleen Lacanilao, Jairah and Jenikah Elayda, Desirie Reyes, Jericho Montenejo, Oneil Magno, Matthew Manuel, Michael Bandoja, Leuhim Elayda, Charmaine and Stephanie Lagurero, and Claire Marzan.

The Smashers also fielded 12 players in the mini tournament with Yohanna Reyes leading the team. Completing the squad were Riselle Irish and Ivy Leong, Grazelle Vilorio, Aldwin Batusin, Ethan Reyes, Mica Gatdula, Matthew So-

corro, Eloise Rose Lopez, Carl Lambat, Archival Velasco Jr., and Monique Mascarinas. The Smashers earned eight points in the first two days of the event and had its best performance in Day 3 after tallying 10 points, but dropped to third, following its lone victory (two points) in the final day.

Black Team logged six points in the first day, missed a single point in Day 2, and closed out with six points in the last two days to place last. The squad had 13 players in Aaron Pamintuan, Eric Kiser, Jessica Lambert, Roma Malasarte, Christian Camoral, Nik-

ky Maanao, Kamaryn Smith, Sherilyn and Charlene Beceril, Angela, Pavan Hamrani, Kristian Laquian, and Ezekiel Canape.

### Guintu, Kiser top U10 event

Meanwhile, a separate doubles contest for U10 players took place during the summer camp last week with Frederick Guintu and Renee Kiser winning over three other pairs.

Guintu and Kiser swept their three foes, beating first the pair of Jeroen and Rheeza

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Winners in the mini tournament in the 2014 NMBA Youth Badminton Summer Camp pose with NMBA officials during the awards ceremony last week at the TSL Sports Complex.

